

Message

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Sent: 10/20/2017 3:37:26 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/19/17 -- MORNING

Thanks, will do.

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 11:36 AM
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Subject: Re: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/19/17 -- MORNING

Please remove the one below; Michael handled and closed yesterday:

The Atlantic, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Catherine Daniels), Re: fact check on construction carbon emissions. Enesta Jones.

On Oct 20, 2017, at 11:35 AM, Sorokin, Nicholas <sorokin.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

Non-Hurricane Responses for Review:

- Fair Warning, DEADLINE: 10/20 (Daniel Ross), Re: follow-up on fluoridated water. Enesta Jones
- The Atlantic, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Catherine Daniels), Re: fact check on construction carbon emissions. Enesta Jones.
- Inside EPA, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Suzanne Yohannan), Re: Radiation PAGs Q&A Document. Tricia Lynn.
- New York Times, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Roni Rabin), Re: Pesticides Program meetings with stakeholders. Robert Daguillard
- Freelancer, DEADLINE: 10/13 (J. Zuckerman), Re: Pasion River Fish Kill Investigation. Robert Daguillard.
- New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. Robert Daguillard.
- The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. Robert Daguillard.

Hurricane Maria:

- AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
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- BuzzFeed News (Grace Wyler) – Vieques Naval Installation assessments. (10/15)
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- Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
- New Scientist Magazine (Aylin Woodward) – Groundwater contamination risks. (10/16) (DDL: 10/17)
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- Vox (Umair Irfan) – Status of Superfund sites. (10/19)
- Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
- Xylem (Lisa Landry) - Interview on water quality. (10/17)

Fair Warning, DEADLINE: 10/20 (Daniel Ross), Re: follow-up on fluoridated water. *Enesta Jones*

Background:

FairWarning reporter has returned with more questions on fluoridated water. Publicly available information. Response input from OW. Daniel Ross, dross1@gm.slc.edu

Suggested Response:

A number of experts I've spoken with suggest that many American are being exposed to levels of fluoride in their drinking water (above the optimal level of 0.7 ppm) that could be damaging to teeth and to health. They pointed out the risks, including dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis, and neurological problems. What is EPA's response?

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The Atlantic, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Catherine Daniels), Re: fact check on construction carbon emissions. *Enesta Jones*.

Background: The Atlantic reporter is seeking an agency response to a fact check on carbon emissions from construction. Publicly available information. Response input from OAR. Catherine Daniels, cdaniels@theatlantic.com

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Thanks again for asking around. I'm checking a piece on green architecture and one part discusses the carbon emissions associated with construction. I'd like to get a sense of whether we've got the right numbers/ are using the right terms for the two sentences below:

1. Buildings are by some estimates responsible for a third of global carbon emissions.
2. The manufacture of concrete and steel is estimated to account for about 10 percent of global carbon emissions.

Hard deadline is 1:45, but if I could get an answer before that, that would be ideal. Thank you again for your help with this!!!

Inside EPA, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Suzanne Yohannan), Re: Radiation PAGs Q&A Document. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter has questions that relate to EPA's recent release of the Protective Action Questions & Answers for Radiological and Nuclear Emergencies. Reporter is Suzanne Yohannan (suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com) with Inside EPA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Dear press officer:

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a few questions that relate to EPA's recent release of the Protective Action Questions & Answers for Radiological and Nuclear Emergencies, a companion document to the PAG manual for radiological emergencies.

In the Q&A document, EPA says: "According to radiation safety experts, radiation exposures of 5-10 rem (5,000 - 10,000 mrem or 50-100 [millisieverts] usually result in no harmful health effects, because radiation below these levels is a minor contributor to our overall cancer risk."

But in a 2008 (updated) EPA document, "Communicating Radiation Risks: Crisis Communications for Emergency Responders," which is posted on EPA's same radiation page, EPA says that "There is no known safe amount of radiation."

1. Can you explain how EPA is reconciling these two (above) statements, given their apparent contradictions?
2. The level of 5-10 rem would produce a risk far outside EPA's acceptable risk range of radiation exposure. I recognize that the Q&A relates to guidance for emergency/temporary situations. Nonetheless, whether or not you're in an emergency situation, EPA is still saying that that one-time exposure level of 5-10 rem generally doesn't result in a harmful effect. Can you provide me with the logic EPA is using to say such an exposure level -- which produces a risk outside of EPA's standard risk range -- nonetheless usually doesn't result in harm?
3. What additional science/ data from radiation safety experts supports the conclusion that 5-10 rem is usually not harmful?
4. Will this position -- that 5-10 rem is usually not harmful -- prompt EPA to change requirements for cleanup at nuclear waste sites?

I'm working under a deadline of Thursday at 11 a.m.

Thanks very much.

New York Times, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Roni Rabin), Re: Pesticides Program meetings with stakeholders. *Robert Daguillard*.

Background:

Rick Keigwin drafted this response. Nancy Beck has approved. Roni Rabin – New York Times – roni.rabin@nytimes.com

Response:

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Inquiry:

I'm writing an article about a series of meetings that have taken place in recent months between growers and pesticide makers, on the one hand, and EPA officials including Rick Keigwin and others. During these meetings, the growers and pesticide makers have promoted a detailed agenda for loosening regulations on pesticides, including regulations on residues in drinking water and regulations to protect commercial honeybees. I wanted to get a response from the EPA about how much influence the industry groups have over policy under the current administration; and whether similar meetings are also held with environmentalist advocacy organizations.

I also wanted to know whether the EPA plans to suspend use of human epidemiological data to set safety levels for pesticides, and get a sense where the risk reassessment for pyrethroids stands.

My deadline is Thursday.

Thank you.

Roni Caryn Rabin

Freelancer, DEADLINE: 10/13 (J. Zuckerman), Re: Pasion River Fish Kill Investigation. *Robert Daguiard.*

Background:

A subject matter expert from the Science and Ecosystems Division (R4) provided the response for this inquiry.

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 The reporter is asking about studies on findings of malathion, an insecticide, in the Pasion river in Guatemala. Her inquiry is part of a book project on palm oil. Jocelyn Zuckerman – Freelancer –

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Response:

1. As of the writing of the report (September 16, 2015), EPA had not been given the surface water sample analytical results from sampling activities conducted on July 7, 2015. On page 9 of the report it says, "Upon completion of the analytical results, the results and their interpretation will be provided in an additional report.

I'm hoping you can send that additional report along. (If for some reason there was never an additional report done, can you explain why?)

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2. Similarly, EPA had not received technical documentation related to the fish sampling protocols performed during the fish kill investigation and fish tissue toxicity analytical results. Has the agency since received these and if so, please provide those results.

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3. At the top of page 11, the following note appears in boldface type:

"Even though Malathion was mentioned as one of the suspected pollutants in the Pasion River fish kill and EPA recognized the potential pollution effects of this pesticide, the Malathion's analytical results were not shared with the EPA team. Consequently, the agency cannot formulate a technical opinion on this particular case. If the Malathion analytical results are provided, EPA will be available to present a technical opinion on this matter, if requested." Were the Malathion analytical results subsequently provided, and if so, please send EPA's technical opinion. If those results were not provided, please explain why.

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Inquiry:

Thanks so much for getting back to me. I am working on a book about palm oil, including a chapter on Guatemala, and will likely do a magazine feature story as well. (I've written about palm oil for *Audubon*, *OnEarth*, *Vogue*, *NewYorker.com*, and *HuffPo*, among others.) I currently have a pitch in with the editors of *Mother Jones* but have not yet heard back. If I don't end up doing this piece for them I'll likely do for one of my other outlets. Happy to keep you posted on that front.

I was in Guatemala in late August and will probably head back down next month for some additional reporting. Really appreciate your help in trying to figure out these missing pieces from the report.

Thanks again and please let me know if there's any other information I can provide.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. Robert Daguillard.

Background:

The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – **Ex. 6**

Response:

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Inquiry:

Dear Mr. Daguillard,

I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!

The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.

I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. Robert Daguillard.

Background:

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Proposed Response:

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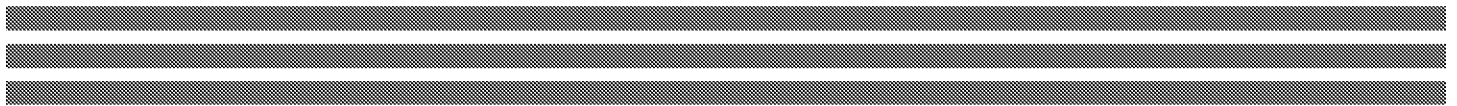
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Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)
2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?
3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?
4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.



HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)

AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

The Atlantic (Lena Felton) – Drinking water access. (10/12) (DDL: 10/12)

My name is Lena Felton, and I'm on the Politics team at *The Atlantic*. I'm writing in regards to the [Reuters story](#) published last night, about the report the EPA issued warning residents not to drink from wells near toxic-waste sites. I am wondering if the EPA has any additional comment as we work on a story here at *The Atlantic*. You can email or call the number below, and I'd appreciate a response as soon as possible, as our deadline is EOD.

BuzzFeed News (Grace Wyler) – Vieques Naval Installation assessments. (10/15)

I hope all is well. Are there any updates to the EPA's progress in assessing the damage at the former Vieques Naval Installation Superfund site? What's the current status of the site? Has the EPA been able to do any assessments of the damage there?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)

Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)

Dear EPA press office,

I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.

Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.

Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)

Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New Scientist Magazine (Aylin Woodward) – Groundwater contamination risks. (10/16) (DDL: 10/17)

My name is Aylin Woodward and I am a reporter for New Scientist magazine in Boston. We are writing up a story on Puerto Ricans tapping into potentially contaminated groundwater in the wake of Hurricane Maria (see article here: <http://edition.cnn.com/2017/10/16/americas/puerto-rico-superfund-water/index.html>) and I was hoping you might be able to speak with me this afternoon about what the risks might be and if it's worth them tapping into those polluted sources? One of my sources at the NIH recommended you.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)

I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:

Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?

Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Status of Superfund sites. (10/19)

I'm looking into the status of Superfund sites in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida in light of the recent storms that hit these regions. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could give a general assessment of the status of these sites (any breaches or contamination) and more generally speak to how the agency prepares for extreme weather.

Please let me know if you can point me to someone who can speak to this and how best I can get in touch with them.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)

Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Xylem (Lisa Landry) Interview on water quality. (10/17)

Hope all is well and you guys didn't sustain any damage from Nate! YSI started putting out our Mission Water magazine early last year, and they're currently working on the next edition. I think you're on the distribution list, but if not here's a link to check it out: <https://www.ysi.com/mission-water> . The editors in Ohio reached out to me because they are looking to do a Q&A piece in the next issue on hurricanes and potential post-hurricane water quality impacts. We'd love to have you or someone from your office for this interview since you guys cover Texas through Florida and do some great things here in the gulf. Would you have any interest in being interviewed for this piece? Let me know if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks!

Also, it was great seeing you at the conference in Mississippi back at the end of August – I attached a pic I snapped while you were giving your presentation. Let me know if you ever need a hand with the outreach you're doing!

Message

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Sent: 7/12/2018 2:55:48 PM
To: Reema Gruenspecht [reema@cision.com]
CC: daniel.rowe@cision.com
Subject: Re: search term updates

Thanks so much, Reema.

On Jul 12, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Reema Gruenspecht <reema@cision.com> wrote:

Hi Enesta!

Thank you again to you and your team for your time this morning! I just set up an auto alert to send hourly to both you and myself as a test. I have another call coming up at 11AM ET, but I will take a look at that Wheeler coverage later on today and will be sure to follow up with you! I'm also going to take a look at Law360 to verify its monitoring.

Thank you!

Best,

Reema

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Subject: RE: search term updates

Yes, but you can remove Administrator Pruitt since he resigned. Thanks, Reema.

From: Reema Gruenspecht [<mailto:reema@cision.com>]
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That sounds good, Enesta! Are these terms in addition to the terms below that you sent over last week?

Administrator Pruitt

Air

Water

Superfund and Brownfields

Pesticides and Toxics

Budget

Research and Development

Voluntary Programs

Fuels

Enforcement

Contracts

Environmental Justice

Indoor Air

Radiation

Emergency Response — hurricanes

Lead in drinking water, paint, soil

PFOA/PFOS/Gen X

Also, for the outlets, can you confirm that you are interested in content from the URLs that I have attached, associated with each outlet? For Wall Street Journal, we only receive abstracts from LexisNexis, we are unable to harvest content from wsj.com directly.

Thank you!

Best,

Reema

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Subject: Re: search term updates

Hi Reema,

These are broad terms that can be further refined. We want to figure out, through your counsel, how best to set these up for alerts. We want to see stories on these topics with EPA, but we want to be sure they are as streamlined as much as possible so we are seeing hundreds of articles.

We thought it would be helpful if I send you today's compilation that I do at the EOD. What do you think?

On Jul 9, 2018, at 9:02 AM, Reema Gruenspecht <reema@cision.com> wrote:

Hi Enesta!

I had a great weekend, I hope you did as well!

Are these search terms that you want to discuss on Wednesday to see how you can include articles that mention these terms in news alerts? Or are these terms that you want added to your monitoring, but not necessarily ones that you want to be notified about in a news alert?

With these terms, are you only interested in them when they are mentioned together with the EPA? For example, I noticed that you have some pretty broad terms on there like water, pesticides, enforcement, air, etc., Are you interested in articles that mention these terms together with the EPA?

Thanks, Enesta!

Best,

Reema

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Subject: search term updates

Hi Reema,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Below are some search terms and outlets that would be useful to us.

Search Terms

- * Administrator Wheeler
- * Air
- * Brownfields/Superfund/Other cleanups
- * Budget
- * Climate Change
- * Emergency Response
- * Energy
- * Enforcement
- * Environmental Justice
- * Grants
- * Hazardous waste
- * International environmental agreements and disputes
- * Pesticides
- * Research and Development
- * Rules/Regulations/Policy
- * Toxics/TSCA
- * Trash/recycling/composting/solid waste
- * Tribal environmental issues
- * Water
- * Waters of the US
- * Deregulation
- * Lead Poisoning
- * Lead Pipes
- * State Implementation Plans
- * Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program
- * Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- * Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- * Drinking Water
- * EPCRA/CERCLA
- * Farm Act
- * Flint Drinking Water Crisis

- * East Chicago Superfund Site
- * West Lake Landfill Superfund Site
- * Minden, WVA PCB contamination
- * Steam Electric ELG
- * Clean Power Plan
- * Mid-term Evaluation for light duty vehicles
- * New Source Review (NSR)
- * Waste E-Manifest
- * Clean Air Act Implementation Plans
- * Combined Coal Ash Residual (CCR)
- * Regulatory Reform
- * Hurricane Harvey
- * Hurricane Maria
- * California Wildfires
- * Asbestos
- * Pesticides
- * Regulatory Rollback

Outlets

- * AP
- * Agri-Pulse
- * Argus Media
- * Axios
- * Bloomberg
- * Bloomberg BNA (Environment)
- * Boston Globe
- * Breitbart
- * Business Insider
- * CNN
- * Chicago Tribune
- * Christian Science Monitor
- * The Daily Caller
- * E&E News
- * Financial Times
- * Forbes
- * Fox News
- * The Guardian
- * The Hill
- * Hot Air
- * Independent Journal Review
- * Inside EPA
- * LA Times
- * Mother Jones
- * Morning Consult
- * NPR
- * NTK Network
- * NY Times
- * The Oklahoman
- * PJ Media
- * Politico
- * Reuters
- * Scientific American
- * The Intercept
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- * Washington Post
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- Argus Media
- Axios
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- Bloomberg BNA (Environment)
- Boston Globe
- Breitbart
- Business Insider
- CNN
- Chicago Tribune
- Christian Science Monitor
- The Daily Caller
- E&E News
- Financial Times
- Forbes
- Fox News
- The Guardian
- The Hill
- Hot Air
- Independent Journal Review
- Inside EPA
- LA Times
- Mother Jones
- Morning Consult
- NPR
- NTK Network
- NY Times
- The Oklahoman
- PJ Media
- Politico
- Reuters
- Scientific American
- The Intercept
- Tulsa World
- USA Today
- Wall Street Journal

- Washington Examiner
- Washington Post
- Washington Times

Thank you,
Enesta

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:30 PM, Reema Gruenspecht <reema@cision.com> wrote:

Great! Thank you for sending this over, Enesta!

I will review ahead of our call and will discuss further on Wednesday.

Best,

Reema

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Hi Reema,
Hope you had a nice holiday.

In prep for Wednesday's meeting, here are some questions (in no particular order) for discussion on the call.

We look forward to speaking with you. Thank you.

- + **Are we able to capture Law360 articles?**
- + **Can we receive articles automatically more frequently than every hour? Same time an option?**
- + **We can generate them manually in same time, right?**
- + **Are the entire articles viewable on smart phones in one click? Can they easily be forwarded on the phone?**
- + **Are we able to have them yellow highlighted where an EPA official is quoted or EPA is referenced?**
- + **Does it track stories from both major (AP, Wash Post, WSJ, etc.) and trade (Inside EPA, Bloomberg Environment, E&E, etc) press across the country?**

The likely categories:

Administrator Pruitt
Air
Water
Superfund and Brownfields
Pesticides and Toxics
Budget

Research and Development
Voluntary Programs
Fuels
Enforcement
Contracts
Environmental Justice
Indoor Air
Radiation
Emergency Response — hurricanes
Lead in drinking water, paint, soil
PFOA/PFOS/Gen X

Thank you,
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Sent: 6/11/2018 9:44:13 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Associated Press Request

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It's all good.

From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: June 11, 2018 at 9:09:34 AM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Associated Press Request

Thanks for this. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Anyway, thanks!

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 11:00 AM
To: Dearen, Jason H. <JDearen@ap.org>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
Subject: Re: Associated Press Request

Jason,

On background: The EPA and the Department of the Army are working through a two-step process to consider revisions to the definition of "waters of the United States," consistent with the President's February 2017 Executive Order. Consulting with our state and tribal partners in developing a new rule to define waters of the United States has been a top priority for the agencies. The agencies have received incredible feedback through several rounds of discussions with state, local government, tribal governments, and stakeholders, and is considering this important input. As Administrator Pruitt has outlined, the agencies expect to deliver a proposed step two rule that would revise the definition of "waters of the United States" to the Office of Management and Budget shortly. The agencies will issue the proposal for public comment after the interagency review process is complete.

On Jun 5, 2018, at 3:26 PM, Dearen, Jason H. <JDearen@ap.org> wrote:

Hi Jahan,

Jason Dearen from The AP here. I'm working on a story about the wetlands mitigation banking market and how the president's WOTUS executive order may affect it. I had two questions for you:

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My deadline is COB Thursday.

Many thanks,
Jason Dearen/AP



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Sent: 6/5/2018 7:53:54 PM
To: Fuld, John [Fuld.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: OW Daily Media Wrap

K.

On Jun 5, 2018, at 3:53 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry I changed on tracker ...I will fix in the morning

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2018, at 3:51 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm handling U of Chi re PFOA not Robert as I indicated this a.m.

On Jun 5, 2018, at 3:49 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

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June 5, 2018

Follow Ups:

1. Fayetteville Observer re: 1,4 dioxane-OGWDW-**CLOSED**
2. Fayetteville Observer re: 1,4 dioxane- OGWDW-**OPEN**

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EPAwater: Today is #WorldEnvironmentDay! This year's theme is #BeatPlasticPollution. Learn more about what you can do to beat plastic pollution in your own life epa.gov/trash-free-wat...

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<https://twitter.com/EPAwater/status/1004026387299172352>

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<https://twitter.com/EPAwater/status/1004064120939864064>

Media Inquiries

STATUS: OPEN-With OPA for Final

OUTLET: PetMD.Com

REPORTER: Lisa Beach

TOPIC: Pets and the Environment

DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 13 – 9 am

OPA CONTACT: Tricia Lynn

PROGRAM CONTACT: Cara Lalley

OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OST

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have any statistics you can share on how any aspect of pet ownership (pet waste, pet food, pet products, etc.) negatively affects the environment?
2. What are some ways pet parents can be eco-friendlier while caring for their pets, and how exactly can these tips help the environment? (I'm looking for *specific* ideas for how pet parents can reduce their carbon footprint that could relate to eco-friendly pet supplies and pet food, disposing pet waste in healthier ways for the earth, donating/recycling pet supplies and adopting. Examples: taking along a portable water dish instead of always asking for a plastic container from restaurants, or using a poop scoop for picking up poop in your backyard instead of tons of plastic bags, disposing of cat litter in a paper bag vs. plastic).

STATUS: CLOSED

OUTLET: Fayetteville Observer

REPORTER: Greg Barnes

TOPIC: 1,4 dioxane

DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 5th 9 am

OPA CONTACT: Robert Daguillard

PROGRAM CONTACT: Christina Wadlington

OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OGWDW

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

QUESTIONS:

I'm trying to get an update on where the EPA stands in the process of setting an MCL for 1,4 dioxane. I know the EPA required wastewater treatment plants to test for the chemical from 2013 to 2015.

1. What is expected to happen next and is there any indication of when a standard might be set

ANSWER:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

STATUS: OPEN

OUTLET: University of Chicago Booth Business School Mag.

REPORTER: ALINA DIZIK

TOPIC: PFOA/C8

DEADLINE: Friday, June 8th 9 am

OPA CONTACT: Robert Daguillard

PROGRAM CONTACT: Christina Wadlington

OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OGWDW

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

I'm writing a story about this research by University of Chicago Booth School of Business professor Luigi Zingales. It's about PFOA/C8.

QUESTIONS:

1. When I reached out to DuPont for comment, they mentioned that the EPA still has not concluded that PFOA/C8 is a proven cause of the health conditions claimed in the C8 litigation and still does not regulate the concentrations of C8 in drinking water. Is that technically correct? Or is there anything else I should keep in mind about that background info?

I saw this EPA fact-sheet on it and wanted to make sure there was nothing further.

STATUS: OPEN

OUTLET: Agri-Pulse

REPORTER: Steve Davies

TOPIC: GW Conduit Theory

DEADLINE: 3 :30 pm

OPA CONTACT: Tricia Lynn

PROGRAM CONTACT: Mary Schollhamer

OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OWM

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

QUESTIONS:

Does EPA have a schedule for how long it will take to **review comments and propose a clarification** of its position on the "groundwater conduit" question -- that is, can water discharged from a point source that then travels through groundwater to a navigable water be regulated under the CWA?

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0063> docket

STATUS: OPEN

OUTLET: AP

REPORTER: Jason Dearen

TOPIC: WOTUS

DEADLINE: Thursday, June 7th 10 am

OPA CONTACT: Tricia Lynn

PROGRAM CONTACT: Antonio Bravo

OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OWOW

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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Sent: 5/22/2018 10:18:56 PM
To: E Jones [Ex. 6]
Subject: Fwd: EPA statement?

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Bridis, Ted" <TBridis@ap.org>
Date: May 22, 2018 at 6:15:59 PM EDT
To: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>, "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Knickmeyer, Ellen" <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
Subject: RE: EPA statement?

Jahan,

It's a false claim that Ms. Knickmeyer tried to "push through the security entrance." She did not attempt to pass through the entrance. She was engaged professionally in a conversation *at* the security entrance, asking security staff in vain to speak with you or someone else from the press office about being allowed to cover the event inside.

We assume you have security cameras covering that entrance, and Ms. Knickmeyer has video of the incident that we can release publicly if necessary to refute your statement. We expect you to correct this falsehood, as you have occasionally asked us to correct a handful of factual mistakes in our hundreds of news articles we have produced covering EPA.

Issuing such a false statement belies what Mr. Ferguson and Deputy Administrator Wheeler told Ellen earlier today, that EPA hopes we can maintain a productive and professional relationship going forward. We hope that continues to be the case and look forward to working with them.

Rgds,
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From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>; Bridis, Ted <TBridis@ap.org>
Subject: RE: EPA statement?

“Last night, the Associated Press was told we were at capacity and a livestream would be available, but proceeded to push through the security entrance. When we were made aware of the incident we displaced stakeholders to the overflow room who flew to Washington for this meeting so that every member of the press could have a seat.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 5:56 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>; Bridis, Ted <TBridis@ap.org>
Subject: RE: EPA statement?

Jahan,

I understand you have put out another statement. Please provide.

Michael

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 4:03 PM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>; Bridis, Ted <TBridis@ap.org>
Subject: RE: EPA statement?

Jahan,

My understanding is that additional reporters were allowed in this afternoon. If the room was at capacity, where did you guys find the extra room? Did you change rooms for the afternoon session?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>; Bridis, Ted <TBridis@ap.org>
Subject: RE: EPA statement?

“This was simply an issue of the room reaching capacity, which reporters were aware of prior to the event. We were able to accommodate 10 reporters and provided a livestream for those we could not accommodate.”

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>; Bridis, Ted <TBridis@ap.org>
Subject: EPA statement?

Jahan,

The White House just said EPA had issued a statement on today's issue with media access to the PFAS summit. Would you be so kind as to send it to us? We would like to include it in our story.

Thanks so much,

Michael



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Sent: 2/13/2018 1:22:46 PM
To: McMichael, Nate [McMichael.Nate@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Proposed FTE reductions for FY2019

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Date: February 12, 2018 at 4:47:47 PM EST
To: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>, "Feldman, Carole" <CFeldman@ap.org>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposed FTE reductions for FY2019

It's not a secret Michael, it just takes a while to work with the proper career employees to get you an accurate answer.

Here is our statement: **"Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, EPA is at Reagan-era staffing levels with 14,162 employees working to advance the Trump Administration's agenda to protect human health and the environment."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposed FTE reductions for FY2019

Still hoping for a response. How many employees EPA has shouldn't be a secret.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed FTE reductions for FY2019

I am on my way to a meeting but will get back to you in 45 minutes.

On Feb 12, 2018, at 1:30 PM, Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org> wrote:

The Senate budget agreement is still not yet the law of the land, so we are obligated to report out President Trump's proposal. We are doing that for every agency.

So, the White House's budget calls for reducing EPA's workforce by more than 20 percent, from 15,408 full-time positions in the FY18 continuing resolution to 12,250 for FY19.

Do you have a number for what current staffing at the agency is now compared to a year ago?

Can you provide any detail on how the agency's leadership intends to accomplish those staffing reductions? Attrition? Buyouts? Layoffs?

Administrator Pruitt has been pretty upfront about his desire to shrink EPA. Seems like you would want to tout the FTE reductions as a deliverable.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
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Sent: 11/3/2017 7:08:47 PM
To: Sparacino, Jessica [sparacino.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 11/3/17 -- Afternoon

CLOSED; please remove:

- Automotive News, DEADLINE: 11/3 (Eric Kulisch), Re: Auto recalls. *Enesta Jones*

Please also add the one I just sent on NBC News re: pesticides meeting and dicamba.

From: Sparacino, Jessica
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 3:05 PM
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Subject: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 11/3/17 -- Afternoon

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- [Power Magazine, DEADLINE: 9/14 \(Sonal Patel\), Re: Steam electric postponement. Tricia Lynn](#)
- [Reading Eagle, DEADLINE 9/19 \(Beth Brelje\) Re: Budget and Water Inspectors in Low Income Communities and Communities of Color. Tricia Lynn](#)
- [Reveal News, DEADLINE: 9/11 \(Randy Loftis\), Re: Proposed Budget and Small City Water Projects. Tricia Lynn.](#)
- [Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 \(Dave D'Alessandro\), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. Tricia Lynn.](#)
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Sammies Interview Requests

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Hurricane Harvey:

- [ABC News-Washington \(Stephanie Ebbs\) – Update on Valero benzene leak. \(9/14\)](#)
- [AFP \(Delphine Touitou\) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. \(9/12\)](#)
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- [BNA \(Sylvia Carignan\) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. \(9/15\)](#)
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- [E&E News \(Corbin Hiar\)](#) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
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- [Houston Chronicle \(Matt Dempsey\)](#) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)
- [Houston Public Media \(Travis Bubenik\)](#) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
- [Moody's Investor Service \(Roy Ousley\)](#) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
- [Newsweek \(Dana Dovey\)](#) – Health effects of sewage overflows. (9/13)
- [San Antonio Express-News \(Rye Druzin\)](#) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
- [Univision 45 Houston \(Jessica Rivera\)](#) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
- [Vice \(Alex Lubben\)](#) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
- [Wall Street Journal \(Alexandra Berzon\)](#) – Chemical plants and regulations. (9/15)

Hurricane Irma:

- [2U \(John Rehm\)](#) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
- [Al Jazeera \(Elizabeth Gorman Shaw\)](#) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
- [Associated Press \(Matthew Brown\)](#) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
- [Associated Press \(Michael Biesecker\)](#) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
- [Associated Press \(John Flesher\)](#) – CWA storm water discharge permits. (9/13)
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I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

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Inquiry:

I'm a reporter covering the natural gas industry, with a focus on utilities. I'm looking at the increased focus in using renewable natural gas by local distribution companies.

I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

Denver Business Journal (Cathy Proctor), Re: EPA budget in California. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is interested in knowing about potential impacts to EPA funding for Colorado agencies if the proposed budget is enacted. Reporter is Cathy Proctor (cproctor@bizjournals.com) of Denver Business Journal.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Cathy Proctor, Denver Business Journal, wants to know about current EPA budget proposal for FY 2018 and impacts on EPA funding to Colorado agencies (CDPHE) as well as EPA-led work at Superfund sites.

50 Bold, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Karen Halliburton), Re: EPA Statement on Chemtrails. Robert Daguiard.

Background:

The reporter is writing a story for the premiere issue of an online magazine called 50Bold.com, aimed at readers 50 and older. She is looking at conspiracy theories surrounding "chemtrails," and those who supposedly create them for alleged nefarious, if unspecified, purposes. She contacted EPA for a view explaining the scientific origins of ***contrails***

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– and emissions from jet aircrafts. – Karen

Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Ms. Jones:

This is Karen Halliburton. I am a writer for 50BOLD.com which is an online publication that will launch next month. I am doing a story on Chemtrails.

Can you please provide me with the official EPA statement on Chemtrails.

Please send by close of business, Wednesday, September 20.

BNA, DEADLINE: 9/19 (David Schultz), Re: WIFIA Environmental Assessment. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter is wondering why EPA is performing an environmental assessment (EA) regarding WIFIA. (We're required to.) Reporter is David Schultz (dSchultz@bna.com) of BNA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello,

I saw your notice in the FR today about your plans to do an environmental assessment on the WIFIA program. Here's the announcement I saw: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-19956.pdf?utm_campaign=pi%20subscription%20mailing%20list&utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email

I was hoping you could explain to me why the EPA is doing an EA on this program. Don't you usually only do environmental assessments for things that could have negative environmental impacts? What would be the negative impacts of giving out low-cost loans? It also says one of the options you're studying is not giving out any money. But aren't you statutorily obligated to give out the loans?

I'm obviously very confused about. Any light you can shed on this would be much, much appreciated. Thanks!

David

New York Times, DEADLINE: 9/15 (Rebecca Lai), Re: Follow-up on "unhealthy days" for PM2.5. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

NYT reporter returned, asking for the pollutant, PM2.5, data.

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Rebecca Lai, rebecca.lai@nytimes.com

Suggested Follow-up Response:

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Inquiry:

Thank you for your help. Do you have the summary numbers for county-days that were "Very Unhealthy" or higher for PM2.5?

Power Magazine, DEADLINE: 9/14 (Sonal Patel), Re: Steam electric postponement. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Yesterday EPA finalized a rule postponing certain compliance dates by two years for the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for steam electric power plants (ELG Rule) that were issued in November 2015, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for at least three years, maybe later, and that technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. Reporter wonders if that will be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements, and also what EPA would say to those who've already begun preparations to comply with the rule. Reporter is Sonal Patel (SPatel@powermag.com) of *Power* magazine.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Enesta, I hope you are well.

The EPA yesterday finalized a rule postponing compliance dates for FGD and bottom ash wastestreams by two years, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. However, the EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for three years, maybe later—and it said in the rule technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. My question is, if the EPA decides to revise technical requirements, will that be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements?

Reading Eagle, DEADLINE 9/19 (Beth Brelje) Re: Budget and Water Inspectors in Low Income Communities and Communities of Color. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter wants to know whether, if the proposed budget is enacted, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color and low income communities. Reporter is Beth Brelje (bbrelje@readingeagle.com) of Reading Eagle.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

I am a reporter on deadline on a story about possible budget cuts to the EPA. A group that was protesting these cuts today said if the budget is cut, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color or low incomes.

Would EPA cut inspectors if there is a budget cut, and if so, would the EPA target communities of color or low income communities?

Could you respond today please?

Reveal News, DEADLINE: 9/11 (Randy Loftis), Re: Proposed Budget and Small City Water Projects. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter is wondering about EPA funding sources for water/wastewater projects in small cities. Additionally, he wants to know if Administrator Pruitt supports the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018. OCFO and OW contributed to the response below.

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Reporter is Randy Loftis of Reveal News (from the Center for Investigative Reporting).

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello. I'm working on a story about rural water and wastewater funding for Reveal News from the Center for Investigative Reporting. I have a couple of questions.

First, does the EPA have its own capital funding source for water and wastewater projects in small cities of 10,000 or less population? (10,000 is the small system definition used by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service.)

Second, does Administrator Pruitt support the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018?

My deadline is early next week. Any comment would be appreciated.

Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Dave D'Alessandro), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is asking if EPA will issue any reaction to the recent Frontier/Environment America Research & Policy Center (EARPC) report, "Rough Waters Ahead: The Impact of the Trump Administration's EPA Budget Cuts on the Delaware River Basin." **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Reporter is Dave D'Alessandro (DDALESSANDRO@STARLEDGER.COM) of Newark Star-Ledger.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Are there any plans to issue an EPA reaction to the recent Frontier/EARPC report?

Fruit Grower News, DEADLINE: 9/1 (Dave Weinstock), Re: Pesticide impact on bees. *Robert Daguillard*.

Background:

EPA's response to the GAO report outlines agency action taken since the report's publication and expresses general agreement with the report's findings. Dave Weinstock – Fruit Grower News **Ex. 6**

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I'm working on a story on fungicides and bee mortality for Fruit Growers News.

In the course of my interviews, I found a GAO report released in February 2016 that suggested EPA could do more toward "reducing the risk of unreasonable harm to [bees]" by pesticides and other crop protection chemicals.

Here's a link to the report:

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-220>

My questions relate specifically to a recommendation on page 45-46 in which GAO notes EPA could be doing a lot more to assure pollinator survival.

My questions here are:

- (1) Have ring tests (to assess the acute contact and oral toxicity of pesticides to bumble bees) been incorporated into EPA's risk assessment process?
- (2) Has EPA developed (and implemented) a plan for obtaining data from pesticide registrants on the effects of pesticides on non-honey bee species, including other managed or wild, native bees, into its risk assessment process?
- (3) When will/does EPA require pesticide/fungicide manufacturers to address risks of tank mixtures (on their labels).
- (4) Has it begin to obtain data on synergistic toxicity increases when fungicides are mixed with pesticides? Are there plans to require labeling referring to that problem? What is the timeline on that?
- (5) What is EPA's thinking on recent research pointing to sub-lethal effects on bees by adjuvants, surfactants and inerts in pesticides?

I'll be wrapping this story up tomorrow around 3 p.m. Thanks, in advance, for whatever information you can dig up for me.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard*.

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Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)
2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?
3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?
4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

WTOP, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Kristie Clement), Re: WTOP cybersecurity roundtable discussion. *Robert Daguiard.*

INVITATION TO PRE-RECORDED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR BROADCAST.

WTOP and Federal News Radio will be hosting one of their occasional roundtable discussions on federal cybersecurity on October 12. The program will feature Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) from several federal agencies. The organizers would like to include Sean Kelley, the agency's CISO.

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Please advise whether

this is OK to do.

Inquiry:

On behalf of WTOP, Federal News Radio, and FedInsider, I am extending this invitation to Sean Kelley, CISO, or an alternate speaker from his office to participate in a Capital Exchange roundtable interview.

We hope he can join us as part of a panel of six to eight senior federal agency officials to discuss government and cybersecurity on Thursday, October 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the WTOP/Federal News Radio studios at 3400 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Tom Temin, host of The Federal Drive on Federal News Radio, will moderate the conversation.

The theme for this roundtable discussion will focus on tools and strategies for reducing the cybersecurity threat in government.

The discussion will take place in two parts followed by an optional tour of the WTOP studio.

Arrival at studio: 11:45 a.m.

- 12 noon – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch: The group will talk about their background, agency profile, and other introductory remarks as lunch is served. Tom Temin will frame the topic and engage perspectives from participating SMEs.
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – The formal discussion will take place. The conversation will be audio recorded for documentation rather than broadcast, and the content will be edited into an editorial montage white paper that covers best practices in assessing the use of and implementing cloud. See below for questions that will be discussed.
- Following the roundtable, you are welcome to join us for a 15-minute optional tour of the WTOP "glass-enclosed nerve center" to see where DC's largest radio station covers the news, weather and traffic 24 hours a day.

Editorial control for the discussion is under the direction of Federal News Radio, specifically moderator Tom Temin. The following will be examined during the interview:

- What are agencies looking for/doing with respect to shared cybersecurity services?
- How agencies are dealing holistically with cyber in hybrid (data center + cloud) infrastructures.
- How is government monitoring, controlling or mitigating the effects of botnets
- Describe your agency's risk assessment/risk mitigation activities

The Capital Exchange Roundtable is presented by these leading media organizations:

- WTOP 103.5 FM – 1.5 million weekly listeners, over 278,000 of whom are Federal employees;
- WTOP.com – 2.5 million unique weekly viewers;
- WFED 1500 AM – 80,000 weekly listeners, 70% Federal employees, 87% GS-10 or higher;
- FederalNewsRadio.com – 240,000 visitors per month, 50% outside the DC area; &
- FedInsider – 250+ weekly registrants nationwide for online webinar presentation, plus 120,000+ reached via Newsletter announcements, Twitter, and other social media.

Logistical Details:

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Location: WTOP/Federal News Radio, 3400 Idaho Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016, 1st floor

Parking: Street parking around the building, accessible via 39th St. NW

(There is also ample underground parking across from WTOP/Federal News Radio under the Giant supermarket on Newark Street NW.)

Dress: Business attire

RSVP: Peg Hosky, peg@hosky.com, Phone: 202-237-0300 Cell: **Ex. 6**

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Sammies Interview Requests

BACKGROUND:

The Partnership for Public Service, the group that awards the Sammies, has three requests from reporters for interviews with the VW team [OECA's Phil Brooks, OTAQ's Byron Bunker and DOJ's Joshua Van Eaton (DOJ will handle Josh's availability)]:

- TIME magazine correspondent Maya Rhodan 202-861-4093;
- The Washington Post columnist Joe Davidson, Federal Insider; and
- The Atlantic, Russell Berman, 646-539-6678.

The Sammies press folks gave both an embargoed list of the recipients as well as links to their profiles on servicetoamericamedals.org website.

Washington Post

The Post writer's column is covers federal government accountability, service and workplace issues. In March 2016, the Insider replaced the Federal Diary, which had covered federal employees since 1932. He has already completed interviews with the other Sammies winners and would love interview this team as soon as possible.

From the Sammies press team: Joe has covered our Sammies honorees for several years now and the pieces have turned out very well. For an idea of the way Joe covers our Sammies honorees, [here is the article he wrote after the Sammies breakfast](#) this past spring.

Joe plans to cover the names and brief info about each winner. The story will be published very close to the date of the gala (September 27). His questions Joe will cover the basics like why did you choose federal service and what is most rewarding and frustrating about your work.

Reporter was previously was an assistant city editor at The Washington Post and a Washington and foreign correspondent with The Wall Street Journal, where he covered federal agencies and political campaigns.

The Atlantic

This would be one fairly lengthy story that would begin with an intro about the awards and then feature 300-ish word vignettes of a selection of the award winners. The story will be published the morning of September 27.

He will be asking them to describe their jobs and the work for which they've been recognized.

(of note: Russell said the profiles are a helpful guide, but this interview is an opportunity for them to talk about their work in their own words)

For an idea of the format of the article, here is [a piece Russell did earlier last year on the Sammies winners](#).

He is a senior associate editor at The Atlantic, where he covers political news. He was previously a congressional reporter for The Hill and a Washington correspondent for The New York Sun.

TIME

TIME magazine would like to feature the outstanding accomplishments of each of the Sammies winners in print and online. For print, the story includes a 150-word introduction that will feature the partnership for public service CEO discussing the importance of Sammies, followed by 250-word profiles on each of the winners. The online version will be longer form, yet the structure and layout should be similar.

TIME correspondent Maya Rhodan would like to interview the VW team either by conference call or by email before next Tuesday (September 19). Given the time constraints, she can interview them based on what best accommodates schedules. Her questions will be broad brush and focus on the work the team is doing.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)

Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)

My colleague Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.

Could you confirm this information please?

The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)

I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?
- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Superfund inspections and Arkema plant air quality testing. (9/7)

The statement below makes reference to the fact that EPA divers plan to inspect the underwater portions of the cap at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site "when conditions allow." Two thirds of the cap is under the river, and it has had to have been repaired on at least six occasions following past high-flow events. Can you provide any additional detail about when the underwater inspection may occur?

Please also detail what water quality monitoring has occurred to date at San Jacinto or any of the other locations? Have any samples been collected at all? Results?

Though you provide details of the site conditions at San Jacinto, there's nothing about what was found at U.S. Oil Recovery. Could you please provide details from the initial assessment and what additional assessment is needed.

Any updates today from the five other sites that were not assessed as of yesterday?

AP also once again reiterates its requests over that last four days for information about EPA's air quality testing from the Arkema plant fire. We believe this information clearly belongs in the public domain and that its release is required under the Clean Air Act. It has now been a week since the initial round of monitoring was done by aircraft, according to your prior media releases.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Follow-up on San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/12)

David,

AP is looking to follow up on the ongoing work and assessments at San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. Do you have time to talk today?

Just following up on these additional questions from last night. Do you expect to provide any additional info today?

Also, I need to ask for clarification on Amy's earlier statement that "EPA's On-Scene Coordinator conducted another site inspection and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the site." Also, from last night's media release, "Yesterday, an EPA On-scene coordinator conducted an inspection of Vince Bayou to follow up on a rumor that material was offsite and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the U.S. Oil Recovery site."

If that is the case, does EPA know the origin of the black, oily-looking water that appears to be plainly visible in the NOAA aerial imagery from Aug. 31?

Meanwhile, call logs from the U.S. Coast Guard's National Response Center hotline note that it received two calls Sept. 9 from "U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund" to report spills of storm water from the site earlier that week as the result of heavy rain.

According to EPA guidelines, responsible parties are required to report "hazardous substance release or oil spill" to the NRC hotline if the release enters "navigable waters or adjoining shorelines."

Did EPA know about the reports of spills from the same site where Amy's statement says EPA found no evidence of discharges? How can we reconcile that? Can you help us understand what steps EPA staff went through? Did they do a visual assessment? Walk the site? Drive past it? Collect and/or test samples?

A press release previously said 45,000 gallons of water were vacuumed up at the site. Was that related to these spills, or a separate issue? Was the recovered storm water all collected on site, or was any collected from neighboring roads, properties or waterways.

Finally, EPA's public statements make no direct reference to spills occurring at U.S. Oil Recovery. Why has the agency elected not to make the public aware of these incidents?

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)

I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)

A question about this line from the press release:

"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."

Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)

Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?

If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.

Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)

Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.

I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?

If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)

Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)

Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)

I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.

The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation [page](#), the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.

To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better

prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?

Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?

Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)

Morning, has Arkema responded to [this information request](#) yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)

I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

Newsweek (Dana Dovey) – Health effects of sewage overflows. (9/13)

Hi Mary!

I'm working on a story for Newsweek this morning on raw sewage problems following the recent hurricanes in Houston in Florida and am looking for someone to comment on this topic.

How would these sewage overflows affect both environmental and public health?

Can you put me in touch with anyone who may be able to speak on the topic? I'm working with a very tight deadline.

Thank you and looking forward to your reply,

Dana

Good morning,

I'm currently covering a story on the contaminated floodwaters in Houston due to wastewater breaches caused by the recent storms. Is there anymore information available on this topic and would you be able to put me in touch with anyone who can speak further on the issue?

Thank you!

Dana

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)

Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the \$800 million to \$1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.

This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:

"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is \$800 million to \$1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."

I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).

I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)

Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

Do you have any information?

Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?

I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

Wall Street Journal (Alexandra Berzon) – Chemical plants and regulations. (9/15)

Hello, I am working on a story about chemical plants and EPA regulations that relates to Hurricane Harvey. I need to speak with or get responses to questions. Is there someone who could please call me at 323-327-8194 or let me know who I can follow up with to get answers to questions? I am on a deadline and would need to speak to someone by tomorrow midday.

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Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)

Greetings-

As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?

I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.

HARVEY QUESTIONS:

-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?

-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?

-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?

-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?

-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)

-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)

My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.

Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.

Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)

I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:

-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?

-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?

-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?

-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)

I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?

I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)

I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.

First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?

Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?

If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:

-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?

-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf>

, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?

-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?

-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?

-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 9/22/2017 3:21:52 PM
To: Sparacino, Jessica [sparacino.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Open Inquiries for Review -- 9/22/17 -- MORNING

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On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:19 AM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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Hurricane Harvey:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[ABC News-Washington \(Stephanie Ebbs\)](#) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[AFP \(Delphine Touitou\)](#) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Argus Media \(Chris Knight\)](#) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Argus \(Chris Knight\)](#) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Associated Press \(Michael Biesecker\)](#) – SuperFund inspections and Arkema plant air quality testing. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Associated Press \(Michael Biesecker\)](#) – Follow-up on San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/12) (DDL: 9/15)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Bloomberg \(Meenal Vamburkar\)](#) – Valero leak. (9/15)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[BNA \(Sylvia Carignan\)](#) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[BNA \(Sam Pearson\)](#) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[BNA \(Adam Allington\)](#) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[CQ \(Jackie Toth\)](#) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[E&E News \(Corbin Hiar\)](#) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[E&E News \(Corbin Hiar\)](#) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Houston Chronicle \(Matt Dempsey\)](#) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Houston Public Media \(Travis Bubenik\)](#) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Moody's Investor Service \(Roy Ousley\)](#) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Newsweek \(Dana Dovey\)](#) – Health effects of sewage overflows. (9/13)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[San Antonio Express-News \(Rye Druzin\)](#) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Univision 45 Houston \(Jessica Rivera\)](#) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Vice \(Alex Lubben\)](#) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Wall Street Journal \(Alexandra Berzon\)](#) – Chemical plants and regulations. (9/15)

Hurricane Irma:

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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Al Jazeera \(Elizabeth Gorman Shaw\)](#) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[WIRED \(Eric Niller\)](#) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

Digital Trends, DEADLINE: 9/22 (Jenny McGrath), Re: Air purifiers and particulates. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter is writing about air purifiers and has questions about particulate matter and the effectiveness of air purifiers. Reporter is Jenny McGrath (jmcgrath@digitaltrends.com) of Digital Trends.

Suggested Response:

What is the difference between PM10, PM2.5, and PM1.0 particulates and what are some examples of each?

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What are some reasons people use air purifiers?

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How effective are air purifiers in homes? Are there any studies available?

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Inquiry:

I'm a writer for Digital Trends, an online tech site with over 20 million readers a month. I'd like to get some help with an article I'm writing about an air purifier. Specifically, I'd like to talk to someone about particulate matter of different sizes and any information about how useful consumer air purifiers are at cleaning indoor air.

BNA, DEADLINE: 9/21 (Amena Saiyid), Re: LA River and WOTUS - followup. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is following up on her inquiry earlier today. She specifically wants to know how we'll handle the request to exclude the LA River in the WOTUS rewrite. Reporter is Amena Saiyid (ASaiyid@bna.com) of BNA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Thank you, but how do you plan to handle this request in light of the wotus rule rewrite?

Huffington Post, DEADLINE: 9/21 (Arthur Delaney), Re: Lead and copper rule revisions. *Enesta Jone*

Background:

Huff Post reporter is asking about the timeframe for revising the lead and copper rule. Publicly available information. Response input from OW. Arthur Delaney, arthur@huffpost.com

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Enesta, I am working on a story for HuffPost about a [study](#) suggesting the Flint water crisis resulted in more fetal deaths in Flint. In the story i want to mention the EPA's planned long-term revision to the Lead and Copper Rule. I remember the previous administrator saying it wouldn't be finalized until next year but wanted to check with you on the timeline. My number is (202) 624-9396.

FairWarning, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Dan Ross), Re: Water fluoridation. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

FairWarning reporter is asking about the maximum contaminant level for fluoride and our guidelines. Publicly available information. Response input from OW. Dan Ross, dross1@gm.slc.edu

Suggested Response:

Why is the EPA's MCL for fluoride in drinking water still 4 ppm, even though the National Resource Council's 2006 report found how that level puts water users at an increased risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis (a report that the EPA hasn't subsequently questioned)? And why in its latest 6-year-review of drinking water standards did the EPA describe the potential revision of the federal threshold as a "lower priority," even though many health and environmental experts have agreed with the NRC's finding (the 4ppm puts water users at risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis)?

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At certain times of the year, water users are going to drink water in greater quantities. Does the EPA offer guidelines about how water utilities handle this, so that they maintain optimum fluoride levels (of 0.7 ppm)?

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Does the EPA offer any guidelines about fluoride levels in bottled beverages?

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Inquiry:

My name is Dan Ross, I'm a reporter with FairWarning, working on a story about water fluoridation.

I've a few questions for the EPA, and requests for comment:

- Why is the EPA's MCL for fluoride in drinking water still 4 ppm, even though the National Resource Council's 2006 report found how that level puts water users at an increased risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis (a report that the EPA hasn't subsequently questioned)? And why in its latest 6-year-review of drinking water standards did the EPA describe the potential revision of the federal threshold as a "lower priority," even though many health and environmental experts have agreed with the NRC's finding (the 4ppm puts water users at risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis)?
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S&P Global, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Sarah Smith), Re: Gas STAR program and biogas interest. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

S&P Global reporter is asking about our coordination with states and utilities under the voluntary Gas STAR program, and whether we have seen an increase in biogas interest. Publicly available information. Response input from OAR. Sarah Smith, Sarah.Smith@spglobal.com

Suggested Response:

I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

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Inquiry:

I'm a reporter covering the natural gas industry, with a focus on utilities. I'm looking at the increased focus in using renewable natural gas by local distribution companies.

I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

Toronto Star, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Jesse McLean), Re: Industrial contaminants/emissions. *Enesta Jones*.

Background: Toronto Star reporter is looking for emissions standards for contaminants. Publicly available information.

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McLean, jmclean@thestar.ca

Response input from OAR/OAQPS. Jesse

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

My name is Jesse McLean and I'm a reporter with the Toronto Star in Canada. A colleague and I are workin go a story looking into industrial air emissions and I am wondering if the EPA has a master list of acceptable emission standards or limits for all contaminants. I found this one online but it's only for a handful of pollutants (<https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table>). Is there a more comprehensive list available?

Background:

Reporter is interested in knowing about potential impacts to EPA funding for Colorado agencies if the proposed budget is enacted. Reporter is Cathy Proctor (cproctor@bizjournals.com) of Denver Business Journal.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Cathy Proctor, Denver Business Journal, wants to know about current EPA budget proposal for FY 2018 and impacts on EPA funding to Colorado agencies (CDPHE) as well as EPA-led work at Superfund sites.

50 Bold, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Karen Halliburton), Re: EPA Statement on Chemtrails. *Robert Daguiard.*

Background:

The reporter is writing a story for the premiere issue of an online magazine called 50Bold.com, aimed at readers 50 and older. She is looking at conspiracy theories surrounding "chemtrails," and those who supposedly create them for alleged nefarious, if unspecified, purposes. She contacted EPA for a view explaining the scientific origins of *contrails*

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Inquiry:

Hi Ms. Jones:

This is Karen Halliburton. I am a writer for 50BOLD.com which is an online publication that will launch next month. I am doing a story on Chemtrails.

Can you please provide me with the official EPA statement on Chemtrails.

Please send by close of business, Wednesday, September 20.

BNA, DEADLINE: 9/19 (David Schultz), Re: WIFIA Environmental Assessment. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter is wondering why EPA is performing an environmental assessment (EA) regarding WIFIA. (We're required to.) Reporter is David Schultz (dSchultz@bna.com) of BNA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello,

I saw your notice in the FR today about your plans to do an environmental assessment on the WIFIA program. Here's the announcement I saw: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-19956.pdf?utm_campaign=pi%20subscription%20mailing%20list&utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email

I was hoping you could explain to me why the EPA is doing an EA on this program. Don't you usually only do environmental assessments for things that could have negative environmental impacts? What would be the negative impacts of giving out low-cost loans? It also says one of the options you're studying is not giving out any money. But aren't you statutorily obligated to give out the loans?

I'm obviously very confused about. Any light you can shed on this would be much, much appreciated. Thanks!

David

New York Times, DEADLINE: 9/15 (Rebecca Lai), Re: Follow-up on "unhealthy days" for PM2.5. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

NYT reporter returned, asking for the pollutant, PM2.5, data.

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Rebecca Lai, rebecca.lai@nytimes.com

Suggested Follow-up Response:

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Inquiry:

Thank you for your help. Do you have the summary numbers for county-days that were "Very Unhealthy" or higher for PM2.5?

Power Magazine, DEADLINE: 9/14 (Sonal Patel), Re: Steam electric postponement. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Yesterday EPA finalized a rule postponing certain compliance dates by two years for the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for steam electric power plants (ELG Rule) that were issued in November 2015, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for at least three years, maybe later, and that technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. Reporter wonders if that will be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements, and also what EPA would say to those who've already begun preparations to comply with the rule. Reporter is Sonal Patel (SPatel@powermag.com) of *Power* magazine.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Enesta, I hope you are well.

The EPA yesterday finalized a rule postponing compliance dates for FGD and bottom ash wastestreams by two years, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. However, the EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for three years, maybe later—and it said in the rule technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. My question is, if the EPA decides to revise technical requirements, will that be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements?

Reading Eagle, DEADLINE 9/19 (Beth Brelje) Re: Budget and Water Inspectors in Low Income Communities and Communities of Color. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter wants to know whether, if the proposed budget is enacted, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color and low income communities. Reporter is Beth Brelje (bbrelje@readingeagle.com) of Reading Eagle.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

I am a reporter on deadline on a story about possible budget cuts to the EPA. A group that was protesting these cuts today said if the budget is cut, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color or low incomes.

Would EPA cut inspectors if there is a budget cut, and if so, would the EPA target communities of color or low income communities?

Could you respond today please?

Reveal News, DEADLINE: 9/11 (Randy Loftis), Re: Proposed Budget and Small City Water Projects. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter is wondering about EPA funding sources for water/wastewater projects in small cities. Additionally, he wants to know if Administrator Pruitt supports the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018. OCFO and OW contributed to the response below.

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Reporter is Randy Loftis of Reveal News (from the Center for Investigative Reporting).

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello. I'm working on a story about rural water and wastewater funding for Reveal News from the Center for Investigative Reporting. I have a couple of questions.

First, does the EPA have its own capital funding source for water and wastewater projects in small cities of 10,000 or less population? (10,000 is the small system definition used by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service.)

Second, does Administrator Pruitt support the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018?

My deadline is early next week. Any comment would be appreciated.

Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Dave D'Alessandro), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is asking if EPA will issue any reaction to the recent [Frontier/Environment America Research & Policy Center \(EARPC\) report](#), "Rough Waters Ahead: The Impact of the Trump Administration's EPA Budget Cuts on the Delaware River Basin." **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Reporter is Dave D'Alessandro (DDALESSANDRO@STARLEDGER.COM) of Newark Star-Ledger.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Are there any plans to issue an EPA reaction to the recent Frontier/EARPC report?

Fruit Grower News, DEADLINE: 9/1 (Dave Weinstock), Re: Pesticide impact on bees. *Robert Daguillard*.

Background:

EPA's response to the GAO report outlines agency action taken since the report's publication and expresses general agreement with the report's findings. Dave Weinstock – Fruit Grower News – **Ex. 6**

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I'm working on a story on fungicides and bee mortality for [Fruit Growers News](#).

In the course of my interviews, I found a GAO report released in February 2016 that suggested EPA could do more toward "reducing the risk of unreasonable harm to [bees]" by pesticides and other crop protection chemicals.

Here's a link to the report:

My questions relate specifically to a recommendation on page 45-46 in which GAO notes EPA could be doing a lot more to assure pollinator survival.

My questions here are:

- (1) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Have ring tests (to assess the acute contact and oral toxicity of pesticides to bumble bees) been incorporated into EPA's risk assessment process?
- (2) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Has EPA developed (and implemented) a plan for obtaining data from pesticide registrants on the effects of pesticides on non-honey bee species, including other managed or wild, native bees, into its risk assessment process?
- (3) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->When will/does EPA require pesticide/fungicide manufacturers to address risks of tank mixtures (on their labels).
- (4) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Has it begin to obtain data on synergistic toxicity increases when fungicides are mixed with pesticides? Are there plans to require labeling referring to that problem? What is the timeline on that?
- (5) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->What is EPA's thinking on recent research pointing to sub-lethal effects on bees by adjuvants, surfactants and inerts in pesticides?

I'll be wrapping this story up tomorrow around 3 p.m. Thanks, in advance, for whatever information you can dig up for me.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard*.

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Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)
2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?
3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?
4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

WTOP, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Kristie Clement), Re: WTOP cybersecurity roundtable discussion. *Robert Daguiard.*

INVITATION TO PRE-RECORDED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR BROADCAST.

WTOP and Federal News Radio will be hosting one of their occasional roundtable discussions on federal cybersecurity on October 12. The program will feature Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) from several federal agencies. The organizers would like to include Sean Kelley, the agency's CISO.

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Please advise whether this is OK to do.

Inquiry:

On behalf of WTOP, Federal News Radio, and FedInsider, I am extending this invitation to Sean Kelley, CISO, or an alternate speaker from his office to participate in a Capital Exchange roundtable interview.

We hope he can join us as part of a panel of six to eight senior federal agency officials to discuss government and cybersecurity on Thursday, October 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the WTOP/Federal News Radio studios at 3400 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Tom Temin, host of The Federal Drive on Federal News Radio, will moderate the conversation.

The theme for this roundtable discussion will focus on tools and strategies for reducing the cybersecurity threat in government.

The discussion will take place in two parts followed by an optional tour of the WTOP studio.

Arrival at studio: 11:45 a.m.

- 12 noon – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch: The group will talk about their background, agency profile, and other introductory remarks as lunch is served. Tom Temin will frame the topic and engage perspectives from participating SMEs.
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – The formal discussion will take place. The conversation will be audio recorded for documentation rather than broadcast, and the content will be edited into an editorial montage white paper that covers best practices in assessing the use of and implementing cloud. See below for questions that will be discussed.
- Following the roundtable, you are welcome to join us for a 15-minute optional tour of the WTOP “glass-enclosed nerve center” to see where DC’s largest radio station covers the news, weather and traffic 24 hours a day.

Editorial control for the discussion is under the direction of Federal News Radio, specifically moderator Tom Temin. The following will be examined during the interview:

- What are agencies looking for/doing with respect to shared cybersecurity services?
- How agencies are dealing holistically with cyber in hybrid (data center + cloud) infrastructures.
- How is government monitoring, controlling or mitigating the effects of botnets
- Describe your agency’s risk assessment/risk mitigation activities

The Capital Exchange Roundtable is presented by these leading media organizations:

- WTOP 103.5 FM – 1.5 million weekly listeners, over 278,000 of whom are Federal employees;
- WTOP.com – 2.5 million unique weekly viewers;
- WFED 1500 AM – 80,000 weekly listeners, 70% Federal employees, 87% GS-10 or higher;
- FederalNewsRadio.com – 240,000 visitors per month, 50% outside the DC area; &
- FedInsider – 250+ weekly registrants nationwide for online webinar presentation, plus 120,000+ reached via Newsletter announcements, Twitter, and other social media.

Logistical Details:

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Location: WTOP/Federal News Radio, 3400 Idaho Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016, 1st floor

Parking: Street parking around the building, accessible via 39th St. NW

(There is also ample underground parking across from WTOP/Federal News Radio under the Giant supermarket on Newark Street NW.)

Dress: Business attire

RSVP: Peg Hosky, peg@hosky.com, Phone: 202-237-0300 Cell: **Ex. 6**

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This education forum is presented by WTOP, Federal News Radio, and FedInsider. Akami and Carahsoft are sponsors and will have a participant in the roundtable discussion. There will be no commercial content, and no expressed or implied endorsement of any company or product, but rather a technology discussion among knowledgeable people.

Sammies Interview Requests

BACKGROUND:

The Partnership for Public Service, the group that awards the Sammies, has three requests from reporters for interviews with the VW team [OECA’s Phil Brooks, OTAQ’s Byron Bunker and DOJ’s Joshua Van Eaton (DOJ will handle Josh’s availability)]:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->TIME magazine correspondent Maya Rhodan 202-861-4093;
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Washington Post columnist Joe Davidson, Federal Insider; and
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Atlantic, Russell Berman, 646-539-6678.

The Sammies press folks gave both an embargoed list of the recipients as well as links to their profiles on servicetoamericamedals.org website.

Washington Post

The Post writer's column is covers federal government accountability, service and workplace issues. In March 2016, the Insider replaced the Federal Diary, which had covered federal employees since 1932. He has already completed interviews with the other Sammies winners and would love interview this team as soon as possible.

From the Sammies press team: Joe has covered our Sammies honorees for several years now and the pieces have turned out very well. For an idea of the way Joe covers our Sammies honorees, [here is the article he wrote after the Sammies breakfast](#) this past spring.

Joe plans to cover the names and brief info about each winner. The story will be published very close to the date of the gala (September 27). His questions Joe will cover the basics like why did you choose federal service and what is most rewarding and frustrating about your work.

Reporter was previously was an assistant city editor at The Washington Post and a Washington and foreign correspondent with The Wall Street Journal, where he covered federal agencies and political campaigns.

The Atlantic

This would be one fairly lengthy story that would begin with an intro about the awards and then feature 300-ish word vignettes of a selection of the award winners. The story will be published the morning of September 27.

He will be asking them to describe their jobs and the work for which they've been recognized.

(of note: Russell said the profiles are a helpful guide, but this interview is an opportunity for them to talk about their work in their own words)

For an idea of the format of the article, here is [a piece Russell did earlier last year on the Sammies winners](#).

He is a senior associate editor at The Atlantic, where he covers political news. He was previously a congressional reporter for The Hill and a Washington correspondent for The New York Sun.

TIME

TIME magazine would like to feature the outstanding accomplishments of each of the Sammies winners in print and online. For print, the story includes a 150-word introduction that will feature the partnership for public service CEO discussing the importance of Sammies, followed by 250-word profiles on each of the winners. The online version will be longer form, yet the structure and layout should be similar.

TIME correspondent Maya Rhodan would like to interview the VW team either by conference call or by email before next Tuesday (September 19). Given the time constraints, she can interview them based on what best accommodates schedules. Her questions will be broad brush and focus on the work the team is doing.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

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ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)

Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)

My colleague Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.

Could you confirm this information please?

The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)

I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?
- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Superfund inspections and Arkema plant air quality testing. (9/7)

The statement below makes reference to the fact that EPA divers plan to inspect the underwater portions of the cap at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site "when conditions allow." Two thirds of the cap is under the river, and it has had to have been repaired on at least six occasions following past high-flow events. Can you provide any additional detail about when the underwater inspection may occur?

Please also detail what water quality monitoring has occurred to date at San Jacinto or any of the other locations? Have any samples been collected at all? Results?

Though you provide details of the site conditions at San Jacinto, there's nothing about what was found at U.S. Oil Recovery. Could you please provide details from the initial assessment and what additional assessment is needed.

Any updates today from the five other sites that were not assessed as of yesterday?

AP also once again reiterates its requests over that last four days for information about EPA's air quality testing from the Arkema plant fire. We believe this information clearly belongs in the public domain and that its release is required under the Clean Air Act. It has now been a week since the initial round of monitoring was done by aircraft, according to your prior media releases.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Follow-up on San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/12)

David,

AP is looking to follow up on the ongoing work and assessments at San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. Do you have time to talk today?

Just following up on these additional questions from last night. Do you expect to provide any additional info today?

Also, I need to ask for clarification on Amy's earlier statement that "EPA's On-Scene Coordinator conducted another site inspection and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the site." Also, from last night's media release, "Yesterday, an EPA On-scene coordinator conducted an inspection of Vince Bayou to follow up on a rumor that material was offsite and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the U.S. Oil Recovery site."

If that is the case, does EPA know the origin of the black, oily-looking water that appears to be plainly visible in the NOAA aerial imagery from Aug. 31?

Meanwhile, call logs from the U.S. Coast Guard's National Response Center hotline note that it received two calls Sept. 9 from "U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund" to report spills of storm water from the site earlier that week as the result of heavy rain.

According to EPA guidelines, responsible parties are required to report "hazardous substance release or oil spill" to the NRC hotline if the release enters "navigable waters or adjoining shorelines."

Did EPA know about the reports of spills from the same site where Amy's statement says EPA found no evidence of discharges? How can we reconcile that? Can you help us understand what steps EPA staff went through? Did they do a visual assessment? Walk the site? Drive past it? Collect and/or test samples?

A press release previously said 45,000 gallons of water were vacuumed up at the site. Was that related to these spills, or a separate issue? Was the recovered storm water all collected on site, or was any collected from neighboring roads, properties or waterways.

Finally, EPA's public statements make no direct reference to spills occurring at U.S. Oil Recovery. Why has the agency elected not to make the public aware of these incidents?

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)

I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)

A question about this line from the press release:

"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."

Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt’s remarks on Arkema. (9/12)

Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?

If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.

Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt’s comment that “The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries.”

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The substances’ safety data sheets
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->the plant’s five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain “intelligence” to “attack soft targets across this country”?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)

Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.

I’m working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?

If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)

Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)

Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)

I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.

The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation [page](#), the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.

To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?

Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?

Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)

Morning, has Arkema responded to [this information request](#) yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)

I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

Newsweek (Dana Dovey) – Health effects of sewage overflows. (9/13)

Hi Mary!

I'm working on a story for Newsweek this morning on raw sewage problems following the recent hurricanes in Houston in Florida and am looking for someone to comment on this topic.

How would these sewage overflows affect both environmental and public health?

Can you put me in touch with anyone who may be able to speak on the topic? I'm working with a very tight deadline.

Thank you and looking forward to your reply,

Dana

Good morning,

I'm currently covering a story on the contaminated floodwaters in Houston due to wastewater breaches caused by the recent storms. Is there anymore information available on this topic and would you be able to put me in touch with anyone who can speak further on the issue?

Thank you!

Dana

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)

Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the \$800 million to \$1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.

This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:

"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is \$800 million to \$1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."

I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).

I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)

Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

Do you have any information?

Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?

I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

Wall Street Journal (Alexandra Berzon) – Chemical plants and regulations. (9/15)

Hello, I am working on a story about chemical plants and EPA regulations that relates to Hurricane Harvey. I need to speak with or get responses to questions. Is there someone who could please call me at 323-327-8194 or let me know who I can follow up with to get answers to questions? I am on a deadline and would need to speak to someone by tomorrow midday.

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)

Greetings-

As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?

I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.

HARVEY QUESTIONS:

- has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
- has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
- are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
- Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
- can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
- broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)

My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.

Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.

Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)

I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:

- Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
 - If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
 - What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
 - How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA?
- Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)

I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?

I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)

I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.

First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?

Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?

If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:

- Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
- Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf>

, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?

- Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
- Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
- Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

Message

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And please send the final just to me. I'll send it to Nancy. Thank you!

On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Non-Hurricane:

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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Houston Chronicle \(Matt Dempsey\)](#) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)
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Digital Trends, DEADLINE: 9/22 (Jenny McGrath), Re: Air purifiers and particulates. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter is writing about air purifiers and has questions about particulate matter and the effectiveness of air purifiers. Reporter is Jenny McGrath (jmcgrath@digitaltrends.com) of Digital Trends.

Suggested Response:

What is the difference between PM10, PM2.5, and PM1.0 particulates and what are some examples of each?

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What are some reasons people use air purifiers?

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How effective are air purifiers in homes? Are there any studies available?

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Inquiry:

I'm a writer for Digital Trends, an online tech site with over 20 million readers a month. I'd like to get some help with an article I'm writing about an air purifier. Specifically, I'd like to talk to someone about particulate matter of different sizes and any information about how useful consumer air purifiers are at cleaning indoor air.

BNA, DEADLINE: 9/21 (Amena Saiyid), Re: LA River and WOTUS - followup. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is following up on her inquiry earlier today. She specifically wants to know how we'll handle the request to exclude the LA River in the WOTUS rewrite. Reporter is Amena Saiyid (ASaiyid@bna.com) of BNA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Thank you, but how do you plan to handle this request in light of the wotus rule rewrite?

Huffington Post, DEADLINE: 9/21 (Arthur Delaney), Re: Lead and copper rule revisions. *Enesta Jone*

Background:

Huff Post reporter is asking about the timeframe for revising the lead and copper rule. Publicly available information. Response input from OW. Arthur Delaney, arthur@huffpost.com

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Enesta, I am working on a story for HuffPost about a [study](#) suggesting the Flint water crisis resulted in more fetal deaths in Flint. In the story i want to mention the EPA's planned long-term revision to the Lead and Copper Rule. I remember the previous administrator saying it wouldn't be finalized until next year but wanted to check with you on the timeline. My number is (202) 624-9396.

FairWarning, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Dan Ross), Re: Water fluoridation. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

FairWarning reporter is asking about the maximum contaminant level for fluoride and our guidelines. Publicly available information. Response input from OW. Dan Ross, dross1@gm.slc.edu

Suggested Response:

Why is the EPA's MCL for fluoride in drinking water still 4 ppm, even though the National Resource Council's 2006 report found how that level puts water users at an increased risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis (a report that the EPA hasn't subsequently questioned)? And why in its latest 6-year-review of drinking water standards did the EPA describe the potential revision of the federal threshold as a "lower priority," even though many health and environmental experts have agreed with the NRC's finding (the 4ppm puts water users at risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis)?

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At certain times of the year, water users are going to drink water in greater quantities. Does the EPA offer guidelines about how water utilities handle this, so that they maintain optimum fluoride levels (of 0.7 ppm)?

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Does the EPA offer any guidelines about fluoride levels in bottled beverages?

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Inquiry:

My name is Dan Ross, I'm a reporter with FairWarning, working on a story about water fluoridation.

I've a few questions for the EPA, and requests for comment:

- Why is the EPA's MCL for fluoride in drinking water still 4 ppm, even though the National Resource Council's 2006 report found how that level puts water users at an increased risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis (a report that the EPA hasn't subsequently questioned)? And why in its latest 6-year-review of drinking water standards did the EPA describe the potential revision of the federal threshold as a "lower priority," even though many health and environmental experts have agreed with the NRC's finding (the 4ppm puts water users at risk of bone fractures and severe dental fluorosis)?
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- Does the EPA offer any guidelines about fluoride levels in bottled beverages?

S&P Global, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Sarah Smith), Re: Gas STAR program and biogas interest. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

S&P Global reporter is asking about our coordination with states and utilities under the voluntary Gas STAR program, and whether we have seen an increase in biogas interest. Publicly available information. Response input from OAR. Sarah Smith, Sarah.Smith@spglobal.com

Suggested Response:

I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

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Inquiry:

I'm a reporter covering the natural gas industry, with a focus on utilities. I'm looking at the increased focus in using renewable natural gas by local distribution companies.

I'm curious about whether the EPA Gas STAR program coordinates with state regulators and/or gas utilities to make more use of renewable natural gas. I'm also interested in whether you all have seen any increased interest in biogas from states and utilities in recent months or years.

Toronto Star, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Jesse McLean), Re: Industrial contaminants/emissions. *Enesta Jones*.

Background: Toronto Star reporter is looking for emissions standards for contaminants. Publicly available information.

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McLean, jmclean@thestar.ca

Response input from OAR/OAQPS. Jesse

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

My name is Jesse McLean and I'm a reporter with the Toronto Star in Canada. A colleague and I are working on a story looking into industrial air emissions and I am wondering if the EPA has a master list of acceptable emission standards or limits for all contaminants. I found this one online but it's only for a handful of pollutants (<https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table>). Is there a more comprehensive list available?

Background:

Reporter is interested in knowing about potential impacts to EPA funding for Colorado agencies if the proposed budget is enacted. Reporter is Cathy Proctor (cproctor@bizjournals.com) of Denver Business Journal.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Cathy Proctor, Denver Business Journal, wants to know about current EPA budget proposal for FY 2018 and impacts on EPA funding to Colorado agencies (CDPHE) as well as EPA-led work at Superfund sites.

50 Bold, DEADLINE: 9/20 (Karen Halliburton), Re: EPA Statement on Chemtrails. *Robert Daguiard.*

Background:

The reporter is writing a story for the premiere issue of an online magazine called 50Bold.com, aimed at readers 50 and older. She is looking at conspiracy theories surrounding "chemtrails," and those who supposedly create them for alleged nefarious, if unspecified, purposes. She contacted EPA for a view explaining the scientific origins of ***contrails*** Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Ms. Jones:

This is Karen Halliburton. I am a writer for 50BOLD.com which is an online publication that will launch next month. I am doing a story on Chemtrails.

Can you please provide me with the official EPA statement on Chemtrails.

Please send by close of business, Wednesday, September 20.

BNA, DEADLINE: 9/19 (David Schultz), Re: WIFIA Environmental Assessment. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter is wondering why EPA is performing an environmental assessment (EA) regarding WIFIA. (We're required to.) Reporter is David Schultz (dSchultz@bna.com) of BNA.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello,

I saw your notice in the FR today about your plans to do an environmental assessment on the WIFIA program. Here's the announcement I saw: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-19956.pdf?utm_campaign=pi%20subscription%20mailing%20list&utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email

I was hoping you could explain to me why the EPA is doing an EA on this program. Don't you usually only do environmental assessments for things that could have negative environmental impacts? What would be the negative impacts of giving out low-cost loans? It also says one of the options you're studying is not giving out any money. But aren't you statutorily obligated to give out the loans?

I'm obviously very confused about. Any light you can shed on this would be much, much appreciated. Thanks!

David

New York Times, DEADLINE: 9/15 (Rebecca Lai), Re: Follow-up on "unhealthy days" for PM2.5. *Enesta Jones*.

Background:

NYT reporter returned, asking for the pollutant, PM2.5, data.

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Rebecca Lai, rebecca.lai@nytimes.com

Suggested Follow-up Response:

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Inquiry:

Thank you for your help. Do you have the summary numbers for county-days that were "Very Unhealthy" or higher for PM2.5?

Power Magazine, DEADLINE: 9/14 (Sonal Patel), Re: Steam electric postponement. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Yesterday EPA finalized a rule postponing certain compliance dates by two years for the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for steam electric power plants (ELG Rule) that were issued in November 2015, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for at least three years, maybe later, and that technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. Reporter wonders if that will be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements, and also what EPA would say to those who've already begun preparations to comply with the rule. Reporter is Sonal Patel (SPatel@powermag.com) of *Power* magazine.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Enesta, I hope you are well.

The EPA yesterday finalized a rule postponing compliance dates for FGD and bottom ash wastestreams by two years, meaning compliance isn't expected to be achieved until November 2020. However, the EPA also said it doesn't expect to issue a new final rule for three years, maybe later—and it said in the rule technology specifications would be defined in a revised rule that it seeks to issue in fall of 2020. My question is, if the EPA decides to revise technical requirements, will that be enough time for facilities to abide by the new requirements?

Reading Eagle, DEADLINE 9/19 (Beth Brelje) Re: Budget and Water Inspectors in Low Income Communities and Communities of Color. *Tricia Lynn*

Background:

Reporter wants to know whether, if the proposed budget is enacted, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color and low income communities. Reporter is Beth Brelje (bbrelje@readingeagle.com) of Reading Eagle.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

I am a reporter on deadline on a story about possible budget cuts to the EPA. A group that was protesting these cuts today said if the budget is cut, there will be fewer water inspectors in communities of color or low incomes.

Would EPA cut inspectors if there is a budget cut, and if so, would the EPA target communities of color or low income communities?

Could you respond today please?

Reveal News, DEADLINE: 9/11 (Randy Loftis), Re: Proposed Budget and Small City Water Projects. *Tricia Lynn.*

Background:

Reporter is wondering about EPA funding sources for water/wastewater projects in small cities. Additionally, he wants to know if Administrator Pruitt supports the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018. OCFO and OW contributed to the response below.

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Reporter is Randy Loftis of Reveal News (from the Center for Investigative Reporting).

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Hello. I'm working on a story about rural water and wastewater funding for Reveal News from the Center for Investigative Reporting. I have a couple of questions.

First, does the EPA have its own capital funding source for water and wastewater projects in small cities of 10,000 or less population? (10,000 is the small system definition used by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service.)

Second, does Administrator Pruitt support the President's budget proposal to cut categorical grants to the states by 44.7 percent in FY 2018?

My deadline is early next week. Any comment would be appreciated.

Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Dave D'Alessandro), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is asking if EPA will issue any reaction to the recent [Frontier/Environment America Research & Policy Center \(EARPC\) report](#), "Rough Waters Ahead: The Impact of the Trump Administration's EPA Budget Cuts on the Delaware River Basin." **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Reporter is Dave D'Alessandro (DDALESSANDRO@STARLEDGER.COM) of Newark Star-Ledger.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Are there any plans to issue an EPA reaction to the recent Frontier/EARPC report?

Fruit Grower News, DEADLINE: 9/1 (Dave Weinstock), Re: Pesticide impact on bees. *Robert Daguillard*.

Background:

EPA's response to the GAO report outlines agency action taken since the report's publication and expresses general agreement with the report's findings. Dave Weinstock – Fruit Grower News – **Ex. 6**

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I'm working on a story on fungicides and bee mortality for [Fruit Growers News](#).

In the course of my interviews, I found a GAO report released in February 2016 that suggested EPA could do more toward "reducing the risk of unreasonable harm to [bees]" by pesticides and other crop protection chemicals.

Here's a link to the report:

My questions relate specifically to a recommendation on page 45-46 in which GAO notes EPA could be doing a lot more to assure pollinator survival.

My questions here are:

- (1) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Have ring tests (to assess the acute contact and oral toxicity of pesticides to bumble bees) been incorporated into EPA's risk assessment process?
- (2) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Has EPA developed (and implemented) a plan for obtaining data from pesticide registrants on the effects of pesticides on non-honey bee species, including other managed or wild, native bees, into its risk assessment process?
- (3) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->When will/does EPA require pesticide/fungicide manufacturers to address risks of tank mixtures (on their labels).
- (4) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Has it begin to obtain data on synergistic toxicity increases when fungicides are mixed with pesticides? Are there plans to require labeling referring to that problem? What is the timeline on that?
- (5) <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->What is EPA's thinking on recent research pointing to sub-lethal effects on bees by adjuvants, surfactants and inerts in pesticides?

I'll be wrapping this story up tomorrow around 3 p.m. Thanks, in advance, for whatever information you can dig up for me.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard*.

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Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)
2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?
3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?
4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

WTOP, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Kristie Clement), Re: WTOP cybersecurity roundtable discussion. *Robert Daguiard.*

INVITATION TO PRE-RECORDED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR BROADCAST.

WTOP and Federal News Radio will be hosting one of their occasional roundtable discussions on federal cybersecurity on October 12. The program will feature Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) from several federal agencies. The organizers would like to include Sean Kelley, the agency's CISO.

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Inquiry:

On behalf of WTOP, Federal News Radio, and FedInsider, I am extending this invitation to Sean Kelley, CISO, or an alternate speaker from his office to participate in a Capital Exchange roundtable interview.

We hope he can join us as part of a panel of six to eight senior federal agency officials to discuss government and cybersecurity on Thursday, October 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the WTOP/Federal News Radio studios at 3400 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Tom Temin, host of The Federal Drive on Federal News Radio, will moderate the conversation.

The theme for this roundtable discussion will focus on tools and strategies for reducing the cybersecurity threat in government.

The discussion will take place in two parts followed by an optional tour of the WTOP studio.

Arrival at studio: 11:45 a.m.

- 12 noon – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch: The group will talk about their background, agency profile, and other introductory remarks as lunch is served. Tom Temin will frame the topic and engage perspectives from participating SMEs.
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – The formal discussion will take place. The conversation will be audio recorded for documentation rather than broadcast, and the content will be edited into an editorial montage white paper that covers best practices in assessing the use of and implementing cloud. See below for questions that will be discussed.
- Following the roundtable, you are welcome to join us for a 15-minute optional tour of the WTOP “glass-enclosed nerve center” to see where DC’s largest radio station covers the news, weather and traffic 24 hours a day.

Editorial control for the discussion is under the direction of Federal News Radio, specifically moderator Tom Temin. The following will be examined during the interview:

- What are agencies looking for/doing with respect to shared cybersecurity services?
- How agencies are dealing holistically with cyber in hybrid (data center + cloud) infrastructures.
- How is government monitoring, controlling or mitigating the effects of botnets
- Describe your agency’s risk assessment/risk mitigation activities

The Capital Exchange Roundtable is presented by these leading media organizations:

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- WTOP.com – 2.5 million unique weekly viewers;
- WFED 1500 AM – 80,000 weekly listeners, 70% Federal employees, 87% GS-10 or higher;
- FederalNewsRadio.com – 240,000 visitors per month, 50% outside the DC area; &
- FedInsider – 250+ weekly registrants nationwide for online webinar presentation, plus 120,000+ reached via Newsletter announcements, Twitter, and other social media.

Logistical Details:

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Location: WTOP/Federal News Radio, 3400 Idaho Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016, 1st floor

Parking: Street parking around the building, accessible via 39th St. NW

(There is also ample underground parking across from WTOP/Federal News Radio under the Giant supermarket on Newark Street NW.)

Dress: Business attire

RSVP: Peg Hosky, peg@hosky.com, Phone: 202-237-0300 Cell: **Ex. 6**

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S&P Global, DEADLINE: Flexible (Colby Bermel), Re: Kemper settlement.

Background:

Mississippi Power announced, this summer, plans to shut down the “clean coal” section of its Kemper county, Miss., power plant, because of completion delays and extensive - \$4 billion or so - cost overruns. The company is currently negotiating the shutdown process with state regulators eager to avoid power rate increases for customers - Colby Bermel – S&P – colby.bermel@spglobal.com

Response:

Is EPA an intervenor to the Kemper settlement?

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And if EPA is not an intervenor, is the agency doing any kind of work on Kemper specifically, or clean coal in general?

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What is EPA's stance on the Heitkamp-Capito carbon capture bill?

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Inquiry:

Good morning, I see that Enesta is out of the office today, so if someone is able to help me with this today, great -- but if not, happy to wait till tomorrow. Let me know either way.

One of the things I cover is Mississippi Power's clean-coal project in Kemper County, Miss., and its ongoing settlement process. In the utility's Aug. 21 settlement rate filing, linked [here](#), it lists a number of intervenors on the fifth page, including "Federal Executive Agencies."

Is EPA an intervenor to the Kemper settlement? If yes, what is the extent of the agency's involvement, and why is it doing so? Note: I didn't see any EPA officials listed as parties of record on pages 13 through 15, but I thought I'd inquire, as Kemper is seen by some as a referendum of sorts on clean coal, and energy is of course a priority for the Trump administration.

And if EPA is not an intervenor, is the agency doing any kind of work on Kemper specifically, or clean coal in general? What is EPA's stance on the Heitkamp-Capito carbon capture bill?

No immediate deadline on this, but I'd appreciate hearing back at some point soon. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sammies Interview Requests

BACKGROUND:

The Partnership for Public Service, the group that awards the Sammies, has three requests from reporters for interviews with the VW team [OECA's Phil Brooks, OTAQ's Byron Bunker and DOJ's Joshua Van Eaton (DOJ will handle Josh's availability)]:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->TIME magazine correspondent Maya Rhodan 202-861-4093;
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Washington Post columnist Joe Davidson, Federal Insider; and
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Atlantic, Russell Berman, 646-539-6678.

The Sammies press folks gave both an embargoed list of the recipients as well as links to their profiles on servicetoamericamedals.org website.

Washington Post

The Post writer's column is covers federal government accountability, service and workplace issues. In March 2016, the Insider replaced the Federal Diary, which had covered federal employees since 1932. He has already completed interviews with the other Sammies winners and would love interview this team as soon as possible.

From the Sammies press team: Joe has covered our Sammies honorees for several years now and the pieces have turned out very well. For an idea of the way Joe covers our Sammies honorees, [here is the article he wrote after the Sammies breakfast](#) this past spring.

Joe plans to cover the names and brief info about each winner. The story will be published very close to the date of the gala (September 27). His questions Joe will cover the basics like why did you choose federal service and what is most rewarding and frustrating about your work.

Reporter was previously was an assistant city editor at The Washington Post and a Washington and foreign correspondent with The Wall Street Journal, where he covered federal agencies and political campaigns.

The Atlantic

This would be one fairly lengthy story that would begin with an intro about the awards and then feature 300-ish word vignettes of a selection of the award winners. The story will be published the morning of September 27.

He will be asking them to describe their jobs and the work for which they've been recognized.

(of note: Russell said the profiles are a helpful guide, but this interview is an opportunity for them to talk about their work in their own words)

For an idea of the format of the article, here is [a piece Russell did earlier last year on the Sammies winners](#).

He is a senior associate editor at The Atlantic, where he covers political news. He was previously a congressional reporter for The Hill and a Washington correspondent for The New York Sun.

TIME

TIME magazine would like to feature the outstanding accomplishments of each of the Sammies winners in print and online. For print, the story includes a 150-word introduction that will feature the partnership for public service CEO discussing the importance of Sammies, followed by 250-word profiles on each of the winners. The online version will be longer form, yet the structure and layout should be similar.

TIME correspondent Maya Rhodan would like to interview the VW team either by conference call or by email before next Tuesday (September 19). Given the time constraints, she can interview them based on what best accommodates schedules. Her questions will be broad brush and focus on the work the team is doing.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)

Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)

My colleague Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.

Could you confirm this information please?

The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)

I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?
- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Superfund inspections and Arkema plant air quality testing. (9/7)

The statement below makes reference to the fact that EPA divers plan to inspect the underwater portions of the cap at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site "when conditions allow." Two thirds of the cap is under the river, and it has had to have been repaired on at least six occasions following past high-flow events. Can you provide any additional detail about when the underwater inspection may occur?

Please also detail what water quality monitoring has occurred to date at San Jacinto or any of the other locations? Have any samples been collected at all? Results?

Though you provide details of the site conditions at San Jacinto, there's nothing about what was found at U.S. Oil Recovery. Could you please provide details from the initial assessment and what additional assessment is needed.

Any updates today from the five other sites that were not assessed as of yesterday?

AP also once again reiterates its requests over that last four days for information about EPA's air quality testing from the Arkema plant fire. We believe this information clearly belongs in the public domain and that its release is required under the Clean Air Act. It has now been a week since the initial round of monitoring was done by aircraft, according to your prior media releases.

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Follow-up on San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/12)

David,

AP is looking to follow up on the ongoing work and assessments at San Jacinto Waste Pits and U.S. Oil Recovery. Do you have time to talk today?

Just following up on these additional questions from last night. Do you expect to provide any additional info today?

Also, I need to ask for clarification on Amy's earlier statement that "EPA's On-Scene Coordinator conducted another site inspection and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the site." Also, from last night's media release, "Yesterday, an EPA On-scene coordinator conducted an inspection of Vince Bayou to follow up on a rumor that material was offsite and did not find any evidence of a black oily discharge or material from the U.S. Oil Recovery site."

If that is the case, does EPA know the origin of the black, oily-looking water that appears to be plainly visible in the NOAA aerial imagery from Aug. 31?

Meanwhile, call logs from the U.S. Coast Guard's National Response Center hotline note that it received two calls Sept. 9 from "U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund" to report spills of storm water from the site earlier that week as the result of heavy rain.

According to EPA guidelines, responsible parties are required to report "hazardous substance release or oil spill" to the NRC hotline if the release enters "navigable waters or adjoining shorelines."

Did EPA know about the reports of spills from the same site where Amy's statement says EPA found no evidence of discharges? How can we reconcile that? Can you help us understand what steps EPA staff went through? Did they do a visual assessment? Walk the site? Drive past it? Collect and/or test samples?

A press release previously said 45,000 gallons of water were vacuumed up at the site. Was that related to these spills, or a separate issue? Was the recovered storm water all collected on site, or was any collected from neighboring roads, properties or waterways.

Finally, EPA's public statements make no direct reference to spills occurring at U.S. Oil Recovery. Why has the agency elected not to make the public aware of these incidents?

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)

I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)

A question about this line from the press release:

"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."

Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt’s remarks on Arkema. (9/12)

Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?

If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.

Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt’s comment that “The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries.”

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The substances’ safety data sheets
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->the plant’s five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain “intelligence” to “attack soft targets across this country”?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)

Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.

I’m working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?

If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)

Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)

Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)

I’m planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.

The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation [page](#), the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.

To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?

Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?

Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)

Morning, has Arkema responded to [this information request](#) yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)

I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

Newsweek (Dana Dovey) – Health effects of sewage overflows. (9/13)

Hi Mary!

I'm working on a story for Newsweek this morning on raw sewage problems following the recent hurricanes in Houston in Florida and am looking for someone to comment on this topic.

How would these sewage overflows affect both environmental and public health?

Can you put me in touch with anyone who may be able to speak on the topic? I'm working with a very tight deadline.

Thank you and looking forward to your reply,

Dana

Good morning,

I'm currently covering a story on the contaminated floodwaters in Houston due to wastewater breaches caused by the recent storms. Is there anymore information available on this topic and would you be able to put me in touch with anyone who can speak further on the issue?

Thank you!

Dana

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)

Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the \$800 million to \$1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.

This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:

"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is \$800 million to \$1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."

I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).

I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)

Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

Do you have any information?

Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?

I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

Wall Street Journal (Alexandra Berzon) – Chemical plants and regulations. (9/15)

Hello, I am working on a story about chemical plants and EPA regulations that relates to Hurricane Harvey. I need to speak with or get responses to questions. Is there someone who could please call me at 323-327-8194 or let me know who I can follow up with to get answers to questions? I am on a deadline and would need to speak to someone by tomorrow midday.

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Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)

Greetings-

As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?

I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.

HARVEY QUESTIONS:

- has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
- has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
- are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
- Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
- can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
- broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)

My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.

Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.

Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)

I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:

- Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
 - If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
 - What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
 - How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA?
- Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the

EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)

I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?

I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)

I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.

First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?

Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?

If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:

-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?

-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf>

, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?

-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?

-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?

-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

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Hello all, this is what I have for Open Inquiries for Review this morning. The "non-hurricane" section is composed of proposed press responses, and the hurricane section is composed of hurricane-related inquiries that have yet to receive a response.

Non-Hurricane:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Indy Star, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Sarah Bowman), Re: Coal ash. Christie StClair.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Dave D'Alessandro), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. Tricia Lynn.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Water Online, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Peter Chawaga), Re: Cyanobacterial bloom management. Enesta Jones.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Chemical Watch, DEADLINE: 9/4 (Julie Miller), Re: Pending section 6 rules. Robert Daquillard.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Fruit Grower News, DEADLINE: 9/1 (Dave Weinstock), Re: Pesticide impact on bees. Robert Daquillard.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Longview (WA) Daily News, DEADLINE: 8/24 (Marissa Luck), Re: Diesel exhaust and tier 4 standards. Robert Daquillard
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->World Wildlife Fund, DEADLINE: 8/21 (Hannah Levitt), Re: Green disaster response and recovery. Christie StClair.

Hurricane Harvey:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Seeking clarification regarding emergency fuel waivers.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Matthew Brown) - Water sampling and public health risks.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Adam Causey) - Seeking clarification regarding Houston Magellan facility fuel spill.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Inquiry regarding Superfund inspections and Arkema plant air quality testing.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->BNA (Adam Allington) - Inquiry regarding retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->New York Times (Sheila Kaplan) - Houston sampling results and update on San Jacinto waste pits.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Reuters (Richard J. Valdmanis) - Chemical and petroleum industrial facility spills.

Hurricane Irma:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Angeliki Kastanis) - Inquiry regarding superfund site map data.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) - Inquiry regarding EPA Superfund preparations in Florida.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->BNA (Abby Smith) - Inquiry regarding EPA preparations for Hurricane Irma.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Inquiry regarding emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding.

Indy Star, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Sarah Bowman), Re: Coal ash. *Christie StClair*.

Background:

The reporter is asking for a lot of information about the coal ash regs, which is already available on our site in various locations. I asked the SMEs to pull together the best sources for her to get up to speed. This approach/response has been approved by ORCR's Associate Division Director for the Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division and Nancy Cohen. Note – Reporter was referred directly to R5 for her questions about the Indiana site she mentions. Reporter: Sarah Bowman, Indianapolis Star, Sarah.Bowman@indystar.com

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

This is Sarah Bowman with the Indianapolis Star, we just spoke briefly on the phone regarding the coal ash story that I am working on. As we discussed, I wanted to send over my questions to you promptly to allow as much time as possible for a response or getting an interview scheduled, if possible. More specifically:

- Why did the EPA feel it was so important to develop a rule and stricter regulations as it relates to CCRs?
- What is the significance of the timing of this rule? Both as it relates to some of the recent coal ash catastrophes as well as the future of these plants and the pits?
- What does the EPA recognize as some of the potential dangers or concerns of coal ash, coal ash pits/lagoons and coal ash pit closures?
- Now going on two years since the rule first took effect, how does EPA feel the roll out has gone? Has it had much of the desired effects?
- Of the two closure methods – closure by capping and closure by removal – which does EPA feel is the most beneficial to the health of the public and the environment?
- For pits that have already shown indicators of contamination, as well as those that are sitting in or within feet of groundwater, is it a correct understanding/interpretation that the CCR rule would require that those pits be closed by removal?
- With many states or legal agencies requiring their utilities to close the pits by removal, why did the EPA feel it was important to offer the closure by capping option?
- Why did the EPA set current regulations that all future constructed pits and landfills must be lined?
- Given that no ash pit could be unlined today, are there concerns about leaving coal ash in unlined pits?
- Does the EPA, and under the CCR rule, consider pollutants and contaminants being released into the groundwater a violation of the CWA?
- The rule has been criticized for leaving the rule's oversight and enforcement to the states and citizens – which could prevent meaningful protective action from taking place – what would EPA's response to those be?
- What does EPA think of the coal ash situation in Indiana and the state's adoption of the rule and work/enforcement of coal ash and coal ash impoundments?

I believe those are all the questions I have related to this topic at the moment, but will of course let you know if I think of or come across any others. With my deadline, it would be much appreciated if I could hear back from someone by early next week. Please let me know if you need any clarification, and I want to thank you in advance for your time and help.

Also, I have a few questions as it relates to the CWA and Duke Energy's Gibson Generating Station here in Indiana. I don't know if this would also fall under your umbrella, but hoped if not, if you might be able to pass them along to the correct person>

- What did EPA think upon learning that the Gibson plant had been making unpermitted discharges into the Wabash River through the relief wells of its cooling lake without a Clean Water Act permit?
- Is this something that would have been considered and pursued as a criminal activity, had it not been part of the NC Plea Settlement and Agreed Order?
- Is the process of obtaining a CWA permit solely on these companies and plants, or is there some action within EPA that can be taken to monitor for compliance and ensure the proper controls and regulations are in place?
- What are EPA's thoughts on the Implementation Plan that Duke has submitted to address this issue at its Gibson Plant? Do you think it goes far enough or adequately mitigates the problems and concerns?
- Is the roughly two year turnaround from when this problem was admitted to and when the implementation plan submitted considered an acceptable timeline? Does the EPA wish it had been completed more quickly?
- What does EPA think of finding a balance between taking the time to study and evaluate the problem with actually taking action to address the problem so it the issue and its potential health and environment threats are not prolonged?

- While the plant will no longer have mechanical pumps putting the polluted water out of the relief wells, according to their implementation plan, this does not address the concerns/problems of the leaks and leachate out of the pond's side and bottom into the ditches and waterways – is this something the EPA is concerned about? Should the plant still be required to obtain a CWA permit for this?
- Does EPA need to approve the implementation plan? What are the next steps?

Newark Star Ledger, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Dave D'Alessandro), Re: Frontier/environment America Research and Policy Center. *Tricia Lynn*.

Background:

Reporter is asking if EPA will issue any reaction to the recent Frontier/Environment America Research & Policy Center (EARPC) report, "Rough Waters Ahead: The Impact of the Trump Administration's EPA Budget Cuts on the Delaware River Basin."

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Reporter is Dave D'Alessandro (DDALESSANDRO@STARLEDGER.COM) of Newark Star-Ledger.

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Are there any plans to issue an EPA reaction to the recent Frontier/EARPC report?

Water Online, DEADLINE: 9/7 (Peter Chawaga), Re: Cyanobacterial bloom management. *Enesta Jones*.

Background: Water Online reporter is asking about the risks, recommendations and management of cyanobacterial blooms. Response input from OW. Publicly available information. Peter Chawaga, pchawaga@vertmarkets.com

Suggested Response:

What statistics or anecdotes can you share that demonstrate the dangers that cyanobacterial bloom presents in recreational waters?

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Why did the EPA think this was an important time to compile these materials to help with bloom management?

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How can proper management of cyanobacterial bloom in waterbodies be critical for drinking water and/or wastewater treatment operations?

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How did the EPA compile recommendations on what waterbody managers can do to prepare for cyanobacterial bloom in the future?

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How did the EPA compile its recommendations on what waterbody managers should do once bloom is identified or suspected?

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Of all the PDFs included in this list, which one or two do you highlight as being the most critical for protecting waterbodies from bloom? For dealing with bloom once it is detected?

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Although they are intended for waterbody managers, are any of these tools useful for drinking and/or wastewater utilities as well?

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Inquiry:

I am hoping you can help me get written answers to the below or point me in the right direction for a story I'm working on about the EPA's release of materials for cyanobacterial bloom management in recreational waters.

I'm hoping for answers by next Thursday, 9/7. Would that be possible?

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->What statistics or anecdotes can you share that demonstrate the dangers that cyanobacterial bloom presents in recreational waters?
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Background:

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Response:

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Inquiry:

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If you would like to answer in email, that is fine, but I would love to have a brief conversation if you have the time this afternoon or tomorrow. My number is 202-803-5909. I work in a home office and there's no such thing as a time that's either too early or too late.

Fruit Grower News, DEADLINE: 9/1 (Dave Weinstock), Re: Pesticide impact on bees. *Robert Daguiard.*

Background:

EPA's response to the GAO report outlines agency action taken since the report's publication and expresses general agreement with the report's findings. Dave Weinstock – Fruit Grower News –

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Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I'm working on a story on fungicides and bee mortality for Fruit Growers News.

In the course of my interviews, I found a GAO report released in February 2016 that suggested EPA could do more toward "reducing the risk of unreasonable harm to [bees]" by pesticides and other crop protection chemicals.

Here's a link to the report:

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-220>

My questions relate specifically to a recommendation on page 45-46 in which GAO notes EPA could be doing a lot more to assure pollinator survival.

My questions here are:

- (1) Have ring tests (to assess the acute contact and oral toxicity of pesticides to bumble bees) been incorporated into EPA's risk assessment process?
- (2) Has EPA developed (and implemented) a plan for obtaining data from pesticide registrants on the effects of pesticides on non-honey bee species, including other managed or wild, native bees, into its risk assessment process?
- (3) When will/does EPA require pesticide/fungicide manufacturers to address risks of tank mixtures (on their labels).
- (4) Has it begin to obtain data on synergistic toxicity increases when fungicides are mixed with pesticides? Are there plans to require labeling referring to that problem? What is the timeline on that?
- (5) What is EPA's thinking on recent research pointing to sub-lethal effects on bees by adjuvants, surfactants and inerts in pesticides?

I'll be wrapping this story up tomorrow around 3 p.m. Thanks, in advance, for whatever information you can dig up for me.

Longview (WA) Daily News, DEADLINE: 8/24 (Marissa Luck), Re: Diesel exhaust and tier 4 standards. *Robert Daguiard.*

Background:

The reporter is doing a story about possible health risks from diesel emissions - from trains carrying coal to a proposed terminal in Longview, WA. Marissa Luck – Longview (WA) Daily News – mluck@tdn.com

Response:

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Inquiry:

Just following up with our phone conversation. I was hoping I could talk to someone from EPA about tier 4 standards for locomotives. This is for a story about diesel emissions from trains carrying coal to the proposed coal terminal in Longview backed by Millennium Bulk Terminals. According to a state and county environmental impact statement, trains carrying coal could increase the cancer risk rate by 10 percent for the low-income neighborhood in Longview. I think this has broader implications across the state about diesel emissions from trains affect the risk of cancer for anyone living near a rail line. I'm curious to know how these tier 4 standards reduce exposure to diesel exhaust and other carcinogens. My deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday Aug. 24 so if there is someone I can talk to before that would be great.

World Wildlife Fund, DEADLINE: 8/21 (Hannah Levitt), Re: Green disaster response and recovery. *Christie StClair.*

Background:

We're handling this inquiry from World Wildlife Fund as a media inquiry, since it may end up as a blog or article on the WWF website. The proposed response comes from OLEM's Office of Emergency Management. I'd like to send our final response to the FEMA public affairs desk with an FYI they may be hearing from the reporter shortly. Reporter: Hannah Levitt, World Wildlife Fund Environment and Disaster Management program, Hannah.Levitt-intern@wwfus.org

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

My name is Hannah Levitt and I am a communications intern at the World Wildlife Fund Environment and Disaster Management program (enviroadm.org). The program works with humanitarian and environmental groups to integrate environmental considerations into disaster relief and recovery outside of the U.S. As part of my internship, I am conducting research on environmentally friendly and community-driven disaster recovery efforts in the U.S. I am wondering if any of you can provide me with any further information regarding these kind of efforts in the U.S. or point me in the direction of someone who may be able to further discuss this topic

I am potentially doing a piece for our own website (a blog post, if you will), but I am also just information-gathering on disaster recovery efforts that are specifically environmentally focused.

To your knowledge what kinds of green/environmentally friendly disaster recovery efforts have occurred and/or are occurring in the U.S.? Do you have any specific examples you can provide me with or any contacts in organizations/nonprofits/etc.?

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Sent: 9/8/2017 5:33:07 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Info Needed on Superfund Cleanup, Reporter on Deadline

Tnx!

On Sep 8, 2017, at 1:32 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Perfect - I talked with him thx

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On Sep 8, 2017, at 1:30 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 And I'll loop you.

On Sep 8, 2017, at 12:35 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Can you hold until we can talk thx ng

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On Sep 8, 2017, at 12:34 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Me.

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Has anyone started on this one ? Thx ng

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Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Sharon Zhang <szhang@tnr.com>
Date: September 8, 2017 at 12:27:11 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Info Needed on Superfund Cleanup, Reporter on Deadline

Also, I just noticed that the Superfund page that I referenced in my first email no longer mentions the EPA's Climate Change Adaptation plan, a mention that was removed in March. I'm hoping

you can tell me why was it removed? And does the Superfund program still use that climate change adaptation plan?

Thanks!
Sharon

On Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:23 PM, Sharon Zhang

<szhang@tnr.com> wrote:

I'd love a response on this asap, please! We're on deadline for 3pm.

On Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Sharon Zhang

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Sent: 9/8/2017 5:29:22 PM
To: Germann, Sandy [Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Info Needed on Superfund Cleanup, Reporter on Deadline

Thanks.

On Sep 8, 2017, at 1:28 PM, Germann, Sandy <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: 9/8/2017 12:38:36 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: BLOOMBERG: EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

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Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: September 8, 2017 at 8:38:16 AM EDT
To: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: BLOOMBERG: EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

Hi Michael – As I explained to Julie, we are open to her and Susan coming to meet with the Administrator. I am happy to work to facilitate that meeting. Thanks – Liz

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: BLOOMBERG: EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

Liz,

The Associated Press requests an all-formats interview with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the agency's efforts to prepare in advance of Hurricane Irma, especially at Superfund sites.

It is clear EPA wants people to know assessing and securing that this is a top priority for the agency. AP has hundreds of member news organizations in the Southeast that distribute our text, audio and video to millions of people now in the storm's path. We continue to work to provide our readers specific details of those preparations.

We look forward to your response.

Thanks,

Michael

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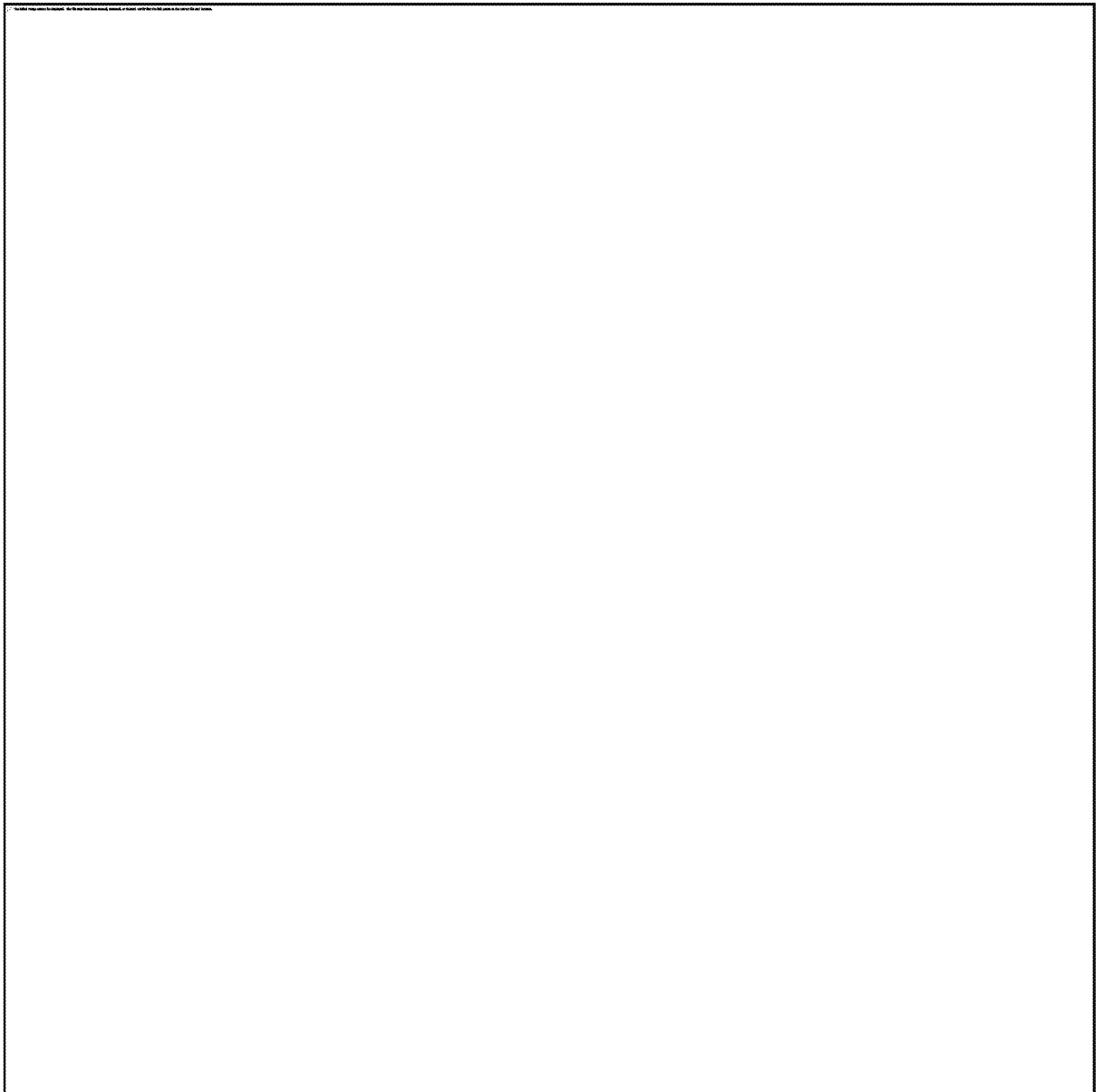
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Date: September 8, 2017 at 8:11:28 AM EDT
To: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: FW: BLOOMBERG: EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

Bloomberg is now the EPA press office? No mention of the AP story by name and only passing mention of the fact that they had no one to go into the sites near Houston.

From: EPA Press Office [<mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com>] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
Subject: BLOOMBERG: EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path



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EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

Jennifer Dlouhy

September 7, 2017

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-09-07/epa-chief-pledges-to-secure-toxic-sites-in-irma-s-storm-path>

The Trump administration is applying lessons from Hurricane Harvey's drenching of southeast Texas as it secures toxic waste sites in the path of Hurricane Irma, U.S. environmental chief Scott Pruitt said.

The Environmental Protection Agency's main goal is to make sure there are "enough people on the ground" to quickly assess the integrity of at-risk chemical sites and respond to needs as the monster storm moves through, Pruitt said. Technical staff are already working to secure about 80 Superfund sites in Irma's path from Miami to North Carolina, including a former pesticide plant, military base and machine shop.

"Operationally, we've tried to make sure we apply the same type of approach we used in Texas," Pruitt, EPA's administrator, said in an interview Thursday. "Because of the area and the amount of population that's affected in Florida, we're trying to be even more aggressive." ...

Nearly 200 EPA personnel were deployed in Texas. The agency already has about 77 people working on Irma related efforts and another seven are on the way.

Back-to-back hurricanes hitting the U.S. threaten to strain the federal government's resources, prompting the Senate to pass a \$15.25 billion relief bill Thursday, and renewing a debate about the size and scope of federal agencies. The Trump administration has proposed cutting nearly a third of the EPA's budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 and culling roughly 3,200 employees from the agency's 15,000-member workforce, a process that has already begun as hundreds of workers accept buyouts.

Pruitt stressed the EPA has not been hit by budget reductions yet, as Congress weighs how much to spend on the agency.

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3 p.m. We have time.

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Enesta, Joel Scheraga is trying to find. What's the DDL?

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Sent: 9/6/2017 7:40:15 PM
To: StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: AP data journalist inquiring about EPA Superfund site map

Yep. They sent to EOC and I added press@.

We good.

On Sep 6, 2017, at 3:38 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Are you on OLEM, E?

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Cc: "Jenkins, Lisa" <Jenkins.Lisa@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: AP data journalist inquiring about EPA Superfund site map

Hi all,

See below for press inquiry. OLEM/OSRTI can help with response if needed. Let us know.

Thanks,

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Outreach and Communications Specialist
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From: OLEM.Cleanup
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Jenkins, Lisa <Jenkins.Lisa@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>; Mazerik, Mary <Mazerik.Mary@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: AP data journalist inquiring about EPA Superfund site map

From: Kastanis, Angeliki
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 1:16:53 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: OLEM.Cleanup
Subject: AP data journalist inquiring about EPA Superfund site map

Hello,

My name is Angel Kastanis and I am a data journalist at the Associated Press. I am inquiring about the map found here: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=CIMC:MAP:0::NO::P71_IDSEARCH:SF_SITE_ID|0400614

Is there anyway to get the spreadsheet that powers the map?

Would this be the most recent list of EPA Superfund sites?

Thank you,

//Angel



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Sent: 9/6/2017 7:22:30 PM
To: Sparacino, Jessica [sparacino.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Open Inquiries for Review -- 9/6/17

Thanks, Jess!

On Sep 6, 2017, at 3:21 PM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[New York Times, DEADLINE: 9/8 \(Danny Hakim\), Re: Dicamba. Robert Daquillard.](#)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->[Harvest Public Media, DEADLINE: 9/6 \(Jeremy Bernfeld\), Re: Pesticides/dicamba. Robert Daquillard.](#)
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New York Times, DEADLINE: 9/8 (Danny Hakim), Re: Dicamba. Robert Daquillard.

Background:

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Danny Hakim – New York Times – dhakim@nytimes.com

Response:

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Inquiry:

Hi -- I'm doing some reporting on dicamba for the New York Times. Who is the point of contact at EPA on it?
Thanks much

Harvest Public Media, DEADLINE: 9/6 (Jeremy Bernfeld), Re: Pesticides/dicamba. Robert Daquillard.

Background:

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Jeremy Bernfeld – Harvest Public Media -

Bernfeldj@harvestpublicmedia.org

Response:

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Inquiry:

Is the agency considering imposing a deadline on spraying dicamba, as reported by Reuters? Is there a timeline for issuing, or not issuing, these guidelines? Who will ultimately make the decision whether or not to impose this deadline?

I'll likely follow up with a phone call. I'm happy to speak over the phone. I'm hoping we can speak/email today.

E&E News, DEADLINE: 9/6 (Corbin Hiar), Re: EWG report on 1,4-dioxane. *Enesta Jones*.

Background: E&E reporter is asking for comment on an Environmental Working Group report about 1,4-dioxane.

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Corbin Hiar,

chiar@eenews.net

Suggested Response:

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Inquiry:

Does EPA have any comment on the analysis of 1,4-dioxane levels, EWG's recommendation to set a MDL for the compound or its concerns about Michael Dourson? If so, please get back to me by 11:30 a.m.

<http://www.ewg.org/release/hidden-carcinogen-taints-tap-water-consumer-products-nationwide#.Wa> ONMaQzIU

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Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I'm working on a story on fungicides and bee mortality for [Fruit Growers News](#).

In the course of my interviews, I found a GAO report released in February 2016 that suggested EPA could do more toward "reducing the risk of unreasonable harm to [bees]" by pesticides and other crop protection chemicals.

Here's a link to the report:

My questions relate specifically to a recommendation on page 45-46 in which GAO notes EPA could be doing a lot more to assure pollinator survival.

My questions here are:

- (1) Have ring tests (to assess the acute contact and oral toxicity of pesticides to bumble bees) been incorporated into EPA's risk assessment process?
- (2) Has EPA developed (and implemented) a plan for obtaining data from pesticide registrants on the effects of pesticides on non-honey bee species, including other managed or wild, native bees, into its risk assessment process?
- (3) When will/does EPA require pesticide/fungicide manufacturers to address risks of tank mixtures (on their labels).
- (4) Has it begin to obtain data on synergistic toxicity increases when fungicides are mixed with pesticides? Are there plans to require labeling referring to that problem? What is the timeline on that?
- (5) What is EPA's thinking on recent research pointing to sub-lethal effects on bees by adjuvants, surfactants and inerts in pesticides?

I'll be wrapping this story up tomorrow around 3 p.m. Thanks, in advance, for whatever information you can dig up for me.

Longview (WA) Daily News, DEADLINE: 8/24 (Marissa Luck), Re: Diesel exhaust and tier 4 standards. *Robert Daquillard*.

Background:

The reporter is doing a story about possible health risks from diesel emissions - from trains carrying coal to a proposed terminal in Longview, WA. Marissa Luck – Longview (WA) Daily News – mluck@tdn.com

Response:

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Inquiry:

Just following up with our phone conversation. I was hoping I could talk to someone from EPA about tier 4 standards for locomotives. This is for a story about diesel emissions from trains carrying coal to the proposed coal terminal in Longview backed by Millennium Bulk Terminals. According to a state and county environmental impact statement, trains carrying coal could increase the cancer risk rate by 10 percent for the low-income neighborhood in Longview. I think this has broader implications across the state about diesel emissions from trains affect the risk of cancer for anyone living near a rail line. I'm curious to know how these tier 4 standards reduce exposure to diesel exhaust and other carcinogens. My deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday Aug. 24 so if there is someone I can talk to before that would be great.

World Wildlife Fund, DEADLINE: 8/21 (Hannah Levitt), Re: Green disaster response and recovery. *Christie StClair.*

Background:

We're handling this inquiry from World Wildlife Fund as a media inquiry, since it may end up as a blog or article on the WWF website. The proposed response comes from OLEM's Office of Emergency Management. I'd like to send our final response to the FEMA public affairs desk with an FYI they may be hearing from the reporter shortly. Reporter: Hannah Levitt, World Wildlife Fund Environment and Disaster Management program, Hannah.Levitt-intern@wwfus.org

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

My name is Hannah Levitt and I am a communications intern at the World Wildlife Fund Environment and Disaster Management program (envirodm.org). The program works with humanitarian and environmental groups to integrate environmental considerations into disaster relief and recovery outside of the U.S. As part of my internship, I am conducting research on environmentally friendly and community-driven disaster recovery efforts in the U.S. I am wondering if any of you can provide me with any further information regarding these kind of efforts in the U.S. or point me in the direction of someone who may be able to further discuss this topic

I am potentially doing a piece for our own website (a blog post, if you will), but I am also just information-gathering on disaster recovery efforts that are specifically environmentally focused.

To your knowledge what kinds of green/environmentally friendly disaster recovery efforts have occurred and/or are occurring in the U.S.? Do you have any specific examples you can provide me with or any contacts in organizations/nonprofits/etc.?

AP, DEADLINE: flexible (Jason Dearen), Re: Superfund storm surge. *Christie StClair*.

Background:

Jason Dearen of the AP is working on a feature story for storm season, focused on Superfund sites and storm surge. He's just starting his story research, and he is looking for the "screening analysis" related to Superfund sites within or near floodplains or sea level rise zones. It's the one mentioned here: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-climate-change-adaptation#impacts>. The 2012 report, and accompanying spreadsheet of locations, was already made public in response to a FOIA request. Reporter: Jason Dearen, AP, jdearen@ap.org.

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

Hi there.

I'm an AP environment reporter and am writing to request information for a story about Superfund sites and storm surge I'm working on.

EPA conducted a "screening analysis" related to Superfund sites within or near floodplains or sea level rise zones. I'm looking to obtain a copy of this screening analysis, and the results highlighted below.

A screening analysis by EPA evaluated how the vulnerabilities may affect soil, sediment and groundwater remedies involving technologies such as soil vapor extraction, bioremediation, permeable reactive barriers and pump-and-treat (P&T) systems, or involving strategies such as monitored natural attenuation or ex-situ containment. The analysis identified Superfund sites near or within 100-year and 500-year floodplains and Superfund sites within a 1-meter sea level rise zone. Results showed that cleanup projects involving P&T technology for groundwater remediation and on-site

systems for contaminant source containment may be particularly vulnerable to climate change. This is because of their frequent use, general design and often lengthy duration.

Here is the EPA webpage featuring the text above: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-climate-change-adaptation#impacts>

Thanks very much. I can be reached at 352-213-9949.

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 9/6/2017 10:53:26 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Question regarding Superfund preparations for Florida

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Date: September 6, 2017 at 5:05:38 PM EDT
To: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question regarding Superfund preparations for Florida

So far, Miami Drum, Homestead and Anodyne. We plan to visit more, both before and after the storm (assuming Irma lands in South Florida).

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Question regarding Superfund preparations for Florida

Which sites have you visited?

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Question regarding Superfund preparations for Florida

Liz,

From EPA's release earlier today.

EPA's Regional office in Atlanta is taking precautions, including: reviewing inventory of, and understanding all sites of interest, in particular Superfund sites in Southern Florida. Initial assessment has approximately 22 current or former National Priorities List (NPL) sites within Florida's southernmost 100 miles. Region 4 is taking necessary actions to shore up these sites appropriately, work with parties responsible for their ongoing cleanups, and ensure that staff in the area are safe.

Could you please provide examples of what sort of preparations are being made on the ground at these sites? An AP reporter visited three sites in the Miami metro area today and observed no personnel or activity on scene at all. A site manager we contacted was also not aware of any preparations.

Thanks,

Michael



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CC: Wright, Peter [wright.peter@epa.gov]; Cook, Steven [cook.steven@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DRAFT//RE: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

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From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DRAFT//RE: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

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On Oct 11, 2018, at 10:52 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

See below... Let's connect on a strong response please.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
Subject: FW: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

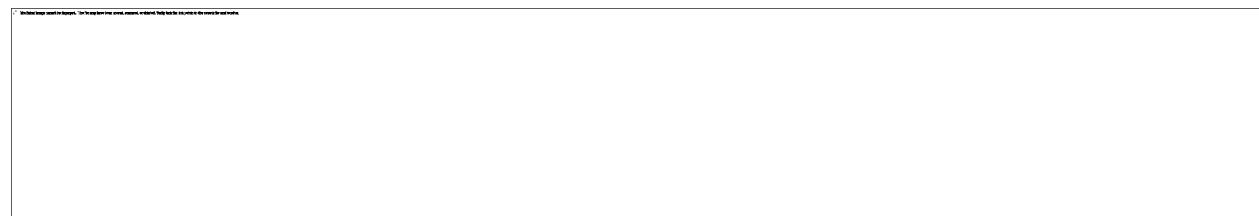
John,

EPA records indicate cleanup work at all 18 of these sites was completed prior to President Trump taking office. Can you point me to any physical work that occurred at these sites since inauguration day to support Acting Administrator Wheeler's contention that these deletions are a "remarkable accomplishment" that cleaning up contaminated lands is a top priority for the Trump administration?

Also, who are the current members of the Superfund Task force? When was the last time the task force met?

Thanks,

Michael



EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2018) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the Agency deleted all or part of 22 sites from Superfund's National Priorities List (NPL), the largest number of deletions in one year since FY 2005 and a significant increase over the past few years.

"Under President Trump, EPA is deleting Superfund sites from the National Priorities List at the fastest pace in more than a decade," **said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler.** "This remarkable accomplishment is proof that cleaning up contaminated lands and returning them to safe and productive use is a top priority of the Trump EPA."

Under the Trump Administration, the Superfund program has reemerged as a priority to fulfill and strengthen the Agency's core mission of protecting human health and the environment. In May 2017, EPA launched the Superfund Task Force to provide recommendations for improving and expediting site cleanups and promoting redevelopment.

Site deletions have been a major focus of the Superfund Task Force. The Task Force reviewed existing policies and procedures related to deleting sites from the NPL and issued several recommendations. In addition, the Superfund program began providing the EPA administrator's office with monthly updates on upcoming deletions. Through these and other actions, EPA deleted 18 sites and portions of four more sites in FY 2018, a significant increase over the three full or partial deletions in FY 2016.

Another significant Task Force achievement in FY 2018 was increasing the annual number of sites returned to communities for redevelopment. By redeveloping Superfund

sites, communities are able to reuse thousands of acres of formerly contaminated land, often strengthening local economies. Many sites that EPA has designated as ready for reuse in previous years now host parks, business districts, renewable energy facilities, wildlife habitat, neighborhoods, and farms. In FY 2018, EPA committed to increase the number of NPL sites that achieved sitewide ready for anticipated use (SWRAU) by roughly 25 percent over the previous year. Through focused management attention and improved program practices, EPA achieved this goal: 51 sites reached SWRAU in FY 2018, the highest total since FY 2013.

The 18 sites EPA completely deleted from the NPL are:

1. C & D Recycling in Foster Township, Pennsylvania;
2. Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters in Sandy, Utah;
3. Davis Timber Company in Hattiesburg, Mississippi;
4. Dorney Road Landfill in Upper Macungie Township, Pennsylvania;
5. Eureka Mills in Eureka, Utah;
6. Frontier Hard Chrome, Inc. in Vancouver, Washington;
7. Fulton Terminals in Fulton, New York;
8. Hatheway & Patterson in Mansfield, Massachusetts;
9. Nutting Truck & Caster Co. in Faribault, Minnesota;
10. Old Esco Manufacturing in Greenville, Texas;
11. Old Southington Landfill in Southington, Connecticut;
12. Ordnance Works Disposal Areas in Morgantown, West Virginia;
13. Reasor Chemical Company in Castle Hayne, North Carolina;
14. Recticon/Allied Steel Corp. in East Coventry Township, Pennsylvania;
15. Union Chemical Co., Inc. in South Hope, Maine;
16. Vancouver Water Station #1 Contamination in Vancouver, Washington;
17. Vancouver Water Station #4 Contamination in Vancouver, Washington; and
18. Whitehouse Oil Pits in Whitehouse, Florida.

The four sites EPA partially deleted are:

1. Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant in Fridley, Minnesota;
2. Omaha Lead in Omaha, Nebraska;
3. Pacific Coast Pipe Lines in Fillmore, California; and
4. Peters Cartridge Factory in Kings Mills, Ohio.

Background

The NPL includes the nation's most serious hazardous waste sites. The list serves as the basis for prioritizing EPA Superfund cleanup funding and enforcement actions. EPA deletes sites from the NPL when no further cleanup is required to protect human health or the environment.

One of EPA's goals for the Superfund program is to return sites to communities for productive use. EPA encourages site reuse throughout the cleanup process, as appropriate, to maximize redevelopment opportunities. Superfund deletions can aid redevelopment efforts by offering a clear signal to developers and financial institutions that Superfund cleanup is complete.

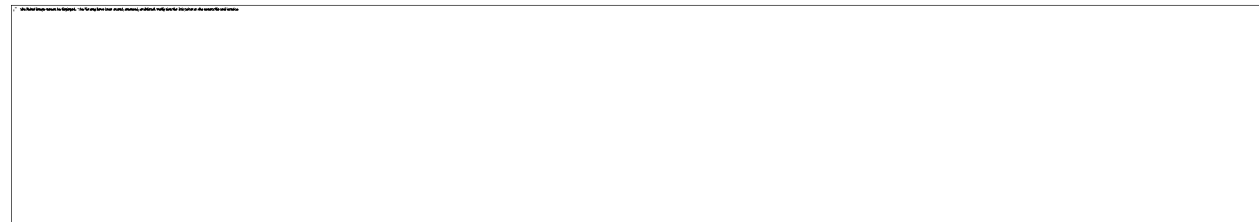
In coming years, EPA will continue its focus on deleting sites through training and sharing information about the most effective approaches for moving sites to deletion.

EPA is scheduled to conclude implementing the Superfund Task Force recommendations in 2019.

For more information about EPA's Superfund Task Force:
<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force>

Additional information about EPA's NPL deletions can be viewed at:
<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/deleted-national-priorities-list-npl-sites-state>

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Subject: Re: just talked with Michael Biesecker - AP -- he will take the call in 30 minutes -- on his cell

We will need Trey to talk with Glen Thrush at the NYT. He just submitted the same inquiry as AP. He wants to know whether anyone from EPA has been on-site to inspect the Sutton plant? He's been in touch with DEQ and understands they have been out there. This last part is new.

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 6:48 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Message

Sent: 9/22/2018 1:37:12 AM
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Subject: RE: Follow up

Those are big or isolated states. NC and SC, especially where the storm hit are close

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:33 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up

OK. During past hurricanes, though, you did provide specific numbers for people in Texas, Florida or Puerto Rico.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:32 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Follow up

All of our assessments were done in person.

On background: The reason we give you the staffing numbers the way we do is because we don't want to give you bad number as to how many are in this state or that or in what part of the state. These workers are assigned sites to assess and are reporting back as they assess them. Some and probably most are in North Carolina. But they're constantly moving from one site to the next. Every day now you'll see progression across the entire state as assessments continue.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:13 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Those were all visited in person? I'm guessing some of those were checked on by phone and air, right?

Is there a reason you guys won't give me a headcount for North Carolina in the flood affected areas east of Raleigh?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:12 PM
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Subject: RE: Follow up

Off the record: Look at the release and see the list of sites that have been assessed. That will indicate where our staff is working.

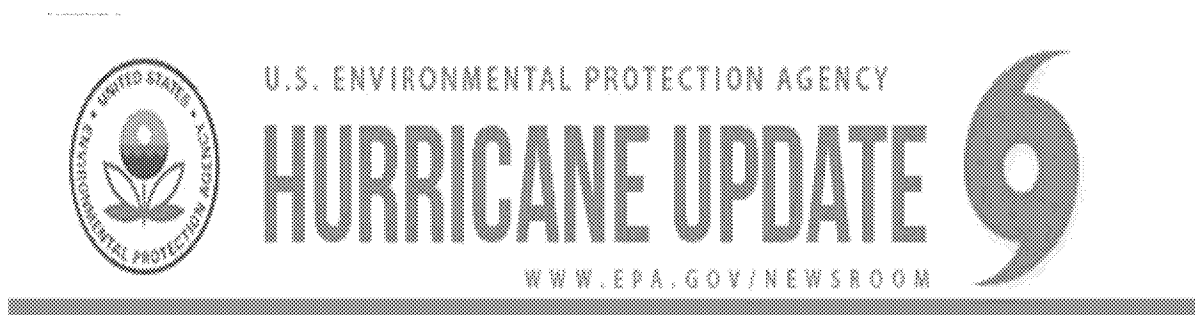
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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Thanks John. Please define the "impacted areas" where the dozens of staff are.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow up

Michael: Following your background call with our Regional Administrator, please find below a quote for the record and below that today's EPA update. Thank you. John

"EPA has two dozen staff on the ground working in the impacted areas. More EPA staff is expected to hit the ground over the weekend. Those working in North Carolina are assessing Superfund sites, oil facilities and working in the Emergency Operations Center coordinating with our state and local partners through the incident command structure. Additionally, EPA also serves in a support role to the impacted states and has offered assistance to North Carolina to help them respond to the reported Sutton coal ash incident. As of this evening, North Carolina has not requested additional support." – EPA Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn.



EPA Hurricane Florence Update Friday, September 21, 2018

WASHINGTON. (September 21, 2018) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund site assessment teams continued preliminary inspections of assessable National Priority List (NPL) sites. As of this afternoon, EPA assessment teams have conducted preliminary inspections of 62 sites, with no issues identified. Teams will move into areas still experiencing flooding and road closures when conditions allow.

A list of assessed sites can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/hurricane-response/national-priorities-list-sites-assessed-after-hurricane-florence>. This page will be updated as additional assessments are conducted.

EPA is also working with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to assess facilities that are required to have a Facility Response Plan (FRP) in place because of the amount of stored oil. A total of 19 FRP facilities were identified in the 18 Federally declared disaster counties. Eight of these FRP facilities are located within the EPA inland zone and 11 are located with the USCG coastal zone. EPA has been in contact with the 8 FRP facilities in the inland zone. USCG has visited seven of the 11 facilities sites on the coast and EPA has contacted three of the remaining four to date. EPA will conduct a follow

up assessment of the remaining FRP facility. To date, there have been no reported spills or substantial damage.

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here: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/search>



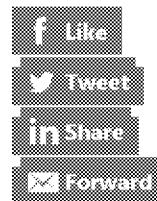
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To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Celebrates 500 Days of American Greatness

This is great. Can you also send the year in review one? I can't find anywhere in the press releases. Just forget exactly what we called it.

These are to send to someone over email.

Thanks!

Hayley Ford

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator
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Cell: **Ex. 6**

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Celebrates 500 Days of American Greatness

Indeed I do. Please see attached. This is set up to print. If you need it for something specific, let me know and I can have it formatted accordingly.

From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 5:11 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Celebrates 500 Days of American Greatness

Konkus probably does.

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To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Celebrates 500 Days of American Greatness

EPA Celebrates 500 Days of American Greatness

- Withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement
- Ensuring Clean Air & Water
- Reducing Burdensome Government Regulations
- Repealing the so-called “Clean Power Plan”
- Repealing the Waters of the United States Rule
- Promoting Energy Dominance
- Promoting Science Transparency
- Ending Sue & Settle
- Promoting Certainty to the Auto Industry

Promise Made

While On The Campaign Trail, Then-Candidate Donald Trump Pledged To Withdraw From The Paris Climate Agreement. Donald Trump “railed against ‘draconian climate rules’ and said he would ‘cancel’ the Paris climate agreement.” ([NBC News](#), 5/26/2017)

Promise Kept

In June 2017, President Trump Announced His Decision To Withdraw From The Paris Climate Agreement, Pledging To Put American Jobs First. “President Donald Trump kept a campaign promise by announcing Thursday that he is immediately withdrawing the U.S. from a global climate pact.

Trump had said as a candidate that the Paris climate accord, signed by nearly 200 countries in 2015, would cause job losses in the U.S.” ([PBS](#), 6/1/2018).

Promise Made

President-Elect Trump Stressed “Clean Air And ‘Crystal Clear Water’ Were Vitally Important.” ([The New York Times](#), 11/22/2016)

Promise Kept

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Are Down Despite Critics’ Claims That Top-Down Government Regulations Are Needed. “The EPA administrator yesterday touted the results of the agency’s annual report that tallies U.S. emissions. The inventory, released last week, shows that domestic greenhouse gas emissions were down 2.5 percent in 2016 compared with 2015. Between 2005 and 2016, emissions fell about 11 percent.” ([E&E News](#), 4/19/2018)

Democratic Senator Jon Tester Applauded Administrator Pruitt’s Commitment To Superfund Communities In Montana. “You committed to working with Superfund communities in Montana to increase transparency and solicit additional public input. I applaud that. I am glad to hear that EPA and BP-ARCO are finally moving forward the framework agreement to cleaning up Butte and move forward soon with Anaconda.” ([Senator Jon Tester](#), 5/16/2018)

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Approved Cleanup Plan To Remove Toxic Material From West Lake Superfund Site. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said Monday that he believes he has proposed a ‘sound, solid’ solution to clean up the West Lake Landfill Superfund site — but that a final decision could include excavating more than the 67 percent of the site the EPA says will be sufficient to protect the health of neighboring residents.” ([St. Louis Dispatch](#), 3/13/2018)

The Trump Administration’s EPA Has Made It A Priority To Clean Up Toxic

Superfund Sites To Improve Environmental Quality For Surrounding Communities. “Federal environmental regulators have reached a long-awaited agreement with the owners of a polluted toxic waste site in Texas that was damaged during Hurricane Harvey, releasing dangerous chemicals into a river. The Environmental Protection Agency says it reached a final deal with International Paper Co. and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corp. to design a plan to remove dioxin-contaminated materials from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site, located outside Houston.” ([The Associated Press](#), 4/11/2018)

Promise Made

President-Elect Trump Promised To Reduce Burdensome, Job-Killing Regulations Prior To Taking Office. “I will formulate a rule which says for every one new regulation, two old regulations must be eliminated.” ([President-Elect Donald Trump](#), 11/21/2016)

Promise Kept

During The First Year Of The Trump Administration, EPA Finalized 22 Deregulatory Actions, Which Could Save Americans More Than \$1 Billion In Regulatory Costs. ([EPA Releases Administrator Pruitt’s Year One Accomplishments Report](#), 3/5/2018)

For Fiscal Year 2017, EPA Finalized Two Deregulatory Actions For Each Final Regulatory Action. ([EPA Releases Annual Regulatory Plan](#), 12/14/2017)

In October 2017, EPA Relunched The Smart Sectors Program To Collaborate With Regulated Sectors And Develop Sensible Approaches That Better Protect The Environment And Human Health. “‘EPA’s Smart Sectors program will re-examine how EPA engages with industry in order to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden, create certainty and predictability, and improve the ability of both EPA and industry to conduct long-term regulatory planning while also protecting the environment and public health,’ according to the EPA.” ([The Washington Examiner](#), 9/27/2017)

Promise Made

Then-Candidate Donald Trump Promised To Repeal The Job-Killing Clean Power Plan On The Campaign Trail. “During an economic policy speech in New York, Trump said he would eliminate the Clean Power Plan and the Waters of the United States rule. In a fact sheet released accompanying the speech.” ([The Washington Examiner](#), 9/15/2016)

Promise Kept

In October 2017, EPA Announced The Agency Has Submitted A Proposal To Repeal The So-Called “Clean Power Plan.” “The Environmental Protection Agency announced on Tuesday that Scott Pruitt, the chief of the agency, had signed a measure to repeal President Barack Obama’s signature policy to curb greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.” ([The New York Times](#), 10/9/2017)

Promise Made

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Promise Kept

In June 2017, President Trump’s EPA Proposed To Repeal The Obama Administration’s Overreaching “Waters Of The United States” Rule That Will Provide Regulatory Certainty For Farmers And Land Owners. “The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally proposed Tuesday to repeal the Obama administration’s controversial regulation that extended the reach of the federal government over small waterways.” ([The Hill](#), 6/27/2018)

Promise Made

Then-Candidate Donald Trump Pledged “Energy Revolution.” “A Trump administration would end this war on the American worker and unleash an energy revolution that will bring vast new wealth to our country.” ([The Hill](#), 8/8/2016)

Promise Kept

In October 2017, EPA Released Energy Independence Report To Highlight Success And Lay Out Plans For The Future. “Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its final report on how EPA, under Administrator Scott Pruitt’s leadership, is implementing President Trump’s Executive Order 13783 to curb regulatory burdens in order to promote energy production and economic growth - while protecting human health and the environment.” ([EPA Releases Energy Independence Report](#), 10/25/2017)

Promise Made

Then-Candidate Donald Trump Promised That “Policy Decisions Will Be Public And Very, Very Transparent.” ([Speech in Bismarck](#), ND, 5/26/2016)

Promise Kept

In April 2018, EPA Issued A Proposed Rule To Provide Transparency In EPA Regulations. “Taking steps to increase access to data, with strong privacy protections, is how society will continue to make scientific and economic progress and ensure that evidence in rule-making is sound. The EPA’s proposed rule follows principles laid out in 2017 by the bipartisan Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking — humility, transparency, privacy, capacity and rigor — and moves us toward providing greater access to scientific data while protecting individual privacy.” ([The Washington Post](#), 5/10/2018)

Promise Made

Then-Candidate Donald Trump Promised That “In A Trump Administration, Political Activists With Extreme Agendas Will No Longer Write The Rules Because That Is What Is Happening Now.” ([Speech in Bismarck, ND, 5/26/2016](#))

Promise Kept

In October 2017, EPA Put An End To The Use Of “Sue & Settle.” “... Pruitt declared ‘the days of regulation through litigation are over.’ He is directing the agency to take a series of steps intended to increase transparency, improve public participation, and provide direct accountability for the actions that EPA officials take. That includes forbidding the practice of entering into any settlements that ‘exceed the authority of the courts’ and requiring that any proposed settlement be published for a 30-day public comment period.” ([National Review, 10/21/2017](#))

Promise Made

Then-Candidate Donald Trump Promised, “We Are Going To Bring Back The Automobile Industry To Michigan, Bigger And Better And Stronger Than Ever Before.” ([Rally in Grand Rapids, MI, 11/8/2016](#))

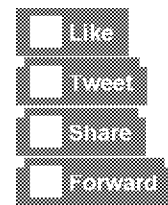
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In April 2018, Administrator Pruitt Determined That Obama-Era Standards For Light-Duty Vehicles Were Not Appropriate and Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens On the Auto Industry. “Obama administration regulations on fuel efficiency for automobiles were both unrealistic and coercive, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said Tuesday. ‘Oftentimes this agency has been used to try to be coercive, and to try to pick winners and losers and advance certain outcomes in the

marketplace,' Pruitt told The Daily Signal in an interview." ([Daily Signal](#), 4/3/2018)

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Sent: 10/16/2018 11:50:13 AM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Fugh, Justina [Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
Subject: Your OGC/Ethics Emails for FOIA Release
Attachments: FOIA - John Konkus Ethics emails.pdf

Hi John,

As you may be aware, OGC/Ethics has quite a few FOIA requests asking for ethics-related documents for political appointees. We've finally finished our review of potentially responsive records and wanted to provide you with an opportunity to look over your responsive OGC/Ethics documents. The attached includes 53 pages of records, with redactions made for personal privacy. Please note that the timeframe for our search was through September 30, 2017.

These documents will also be sent to Beth White for awareness prior to release. But first I wanted to make sure that you had enough time to review.

Here are some of the requests where your ethics-related documents are responsive:

1. EPA-HQ-2017-004617 (Emily Davis) – asking for ethics counseling emails for the beachhead/landing team
2. EPA-HQ-2017-007082 (Sarah Emerson) – asking for ethics counseling/advice for the transition team members
3. Numerous FOIA requests for ethics counseling and advice, and ethics training documents, for all political appointees and administratively determined positions, including the following: EPA-HQ-2017-008340 (Alison Gregor); EPA-HQ-2017-009362 (Oliver Milman); EPA-HQ-2017-007826 (Doug Obey); EPA-HQ-2017-005096 (Patrick Ambrosio); EPA-HQ-2017-005953 (Nick Surgey); EPA-HQ-2017-006144 (Sharon Lerner); EPA-HQ-2017-010171 (Michael Biesecker); EPA-HQ-2017-009913 (Rachel Leven); and EPA-HQ-2017-011639 (Derek Kravitz).

If you could take a look and let us know if you have any questions or comments by October 26, 2018, we would greatly appreciate it! And if you get around to it sooner, even better!

Thanks,
Shannon

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Message

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Sent: 12/19/2017 3:05:15 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Peter Graves [peter@gobigmediainc.com]
CC: Ben Latham [ben@gobigmediainc.com]; Jess Wilson [jess@gobigmediainc.com]
Subject: RE: Edits

Sorry for the delay. 1:30 works for me tomorrow.

Daisy C. Letendre
Letendre.Daisy@epa.gov

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:50 AM
To: Peter Graves <peter@gobigmediainc.com>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Cc: Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>
Subject: RE: Edits

Daisy how is 1:30pm tomorrow for your calendar? Thanks.

From: Peter Graves [mailto:peter@gobigmediainc.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>
Subject: Re: Edits

And I lied - Jess can't hop on until the afternoon. How does 1:30 look?

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 9:33 PM, Peter Graves <peter@gobigmediainc.com> wrote:

Great - I'm tied up on the other side of town until mid afternoon, so a call in the morning would be better for me. That, and Ben is out in NOLA so we'll need him to hop on.

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 9:30 PM, Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov> wrote:

Wednesday am is great for me

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2017, at 4:29 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Excellent for me, but I'm not sure about Daisy.

From: Peter Graves [mailto:peter@gobigmediainc.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>
Subject: Re: Edits

Hey John, we are all tied up tomorrow with internal company meetings. How does Wednesday look for you?

Peter

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 9:20 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Peter: Can we please arrange a call with your team tomorrow morning sometime between 9am and noon? Perhaps it would be best if we come to you or you all come here so we can show you exactly what we're looking for to beef this up a bit.

Thank you,

John

From: Peter Graves [<mailto:peter@gobigmediainc.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:15 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Cc: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>

Subject: Re: Edits

Yep we did - have most of the updates done. Should be able to send your way today.

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 7:10 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning gang. Just circling back to make sure you all got my edits from Friday. I think we'd like to get the first draft to folks here by mid-week. With my edits and another round or two today and tomorrow, I think we'll be ready for that.

Thank you!

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:22 PM

To: Peter Graves <peter@gobigmediainc.com>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

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

























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Sent: 12/11/2017 1:12:55 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA Chicago - Weekend News Clips - Monday, December 11, 2017



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 A U.S. energy plan straight from coal country	12/09/2017	Washington Post, The	DC	 
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 EPA administrator pledges to support Ann Arbor lab, Great Lakes	12/08/2017	MLive	MI	 
 The Trump administration is scuttling a rule that would save people from dying of carbon monoxide poisoning	12/08/2017	Hutchinson Leader - Online, The	MN	 
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 EPA lists 21 Superfund sites in need of 'immediate and intense' cleanup	12/10/2017	Washington Post, The	DC	 
 East Chicago Superfund site on list for accelerated cleanup	12/09/2017	Chicago Tribune Online	IL	 
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 Rover water well monitoring continues after April spill; water deemed safe	12/09/2017	Independent Online, The	OH	 
 Superfund sites in New Hampshire, Rhode Island get priority	12/09/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
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 Michigan panel to discuss future of underwater oil pipelines	12/10/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
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To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: AP: Cleanup continues at Missouri mining waste site, 12/5/17

This is in my hometown, Webb City. If there is anything I can help with re Missouri or Arkansas, please let me know!

From: Sorokin, Nicholas
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 10:52 AM
To: AO OPA OMR CLIPS <AO_OPA_OMR_CLIPS@epa.gov>
Subject: AP: Cleanup continues at Missouri mining waste site, 12/5/17

Associated Press

<https://apnews.com/43d122622b9247a39f5925c0116f9f09/Cleanup-continues-at-Missouri-mining-waste-site>

Cleanup continues at Missouri mining waste site

By Associated Press, 12/5/17

WEBB CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has cleaned a wide area of a Superfund site in Missouri, but the agency says it still has a ways to go.

The agency's cleanup contract expires in 2020 for the Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt. The nearly 7,000-acre (2,833 hectare) site in Jasper County received Superfund designation because it was contaminated by about 10 million tons of mining waste, [the Joplin Globe reported](#).

Crews in recent months have removed mine waste and covered scarred land with clean soil on what's known as the Snowball site, an area part of the larger Superfund site. Contaminated waste is being buried on portions of the site, and the remainder will be transferred to a nearby repository.

Several people who privately own the Snowball site said they don't have immediate plans to redevelop the land. Officials have agreed to leave it as pastureland for now.

"It could be commercial, agricultural or multi-family, depending on the results," said Spencer Aggus, one of the landowners.

So far, the EPA has cleaned about 1,600 acres (648 hectares) of the overall Superfund site. Cleanup will continue until at least the contract's expiration date at other areas around Carl Junction and Waco, said Steve Kemp, who oversees the Superfund work for the EPA.

"A tremendous amount of work has been done in the area, but there are still several outlying areas in almost all the mining subsites where we have not been able to get access to land," he said.

Tests conducted by the Jasper County Health Department showed more than 500 properties in the county still need soil remediation, including residences and abandoned properties.

Information from: The Joplin (Mo.) Globe, <http://www.joplinglobe.com>

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



















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 EPA plans \$22M cleanup of former DuPont site in NW Indiana	12/02/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
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 Citizens who exposed Wolverine pollution cut from townhall panel	12/01/2017	MLive	MI	  
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 Climate summit to focus on work in neighborhoods	12/02/2017	Chicago Tribune	IL	 
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 3M tells Alabama that it underreported chemicals in river	12/01/2017	Southern Illinoisan Online	IL	  
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 Five water sources test positive for elevated levels of lead in District 64	12/02/2017	Chicago Tribune Online	IL	  
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 County to give last presentations on 14-percent water, sewer rate hike	12/02/2017	Dayton Daily News Online/daytondailynews.com	OH	  
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
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News Headline: 3M tells Alabama that it underreported chemicals in river | 

News Date: 12/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: Southern Illinoisan Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Five water sources test positive for elevated levels of lead in District 64 | 

News Date: 12/02/2017

Outlet Full Name: Chicago Tribune Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Flint lead pipe replacement program to switch hands in 2018 | 

News Date: 12/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: MLive

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: County to give last presentations on 14-percent water, sewer rate hike |  

News Date: 12/02/2017

Outlet Full Name: Dayton Daily News Online/daytondailynews.com

Outlet State: OH

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
News Headline: Algoma Township neighborhoods to get PFAS water filters |  

News Date: 12/02/2017

Outlet Full Name: MLive

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: More presentations slated on water, sewer rate increase | 

News Date: 12/01/2017

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EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Friday, December 01, 2017

Report Overview:

Total Clips (11)
Administrator (1)
Air (4)
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)
Toxics (1)
Trash / Recycling / Solid Waste (1)
Water (2)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Administrator (1)				
 In Battle Over Biofuels, A Rare Loss for Big Oil	11/30/2017	New York Times, The	NY	 
Air (4)				
 EPA announces final 2018 RVO numbers under RFS	11/30/2017	Michigan Farmer Online	MI	 
 EPA expected to mandate use of 15 billion gallons of renewable fuels	11/30/2017	Michigan Farmer Online	MI	 
 EPA hears worries about climate in heart of coal country	11/30/2017	KTTC-TV Online	MN	 
 US exporting dirty fuel to already pollution-choked India	11/30/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)				
 Judge sets hearing in East Chicago cleanup intervention case	11/30/2017	Tribune Online	IN	 
 Ohio EPA seeks funds to clean up dump near school	11/30/2017	Dayton Daily News	OH	 
Toxics (1)				
 Toxic tap water probe: 2 more cases filed against Wolverine	11/30/2017	WOOD-TV Online	MI	 
Trash / Recycling / Solid Waste (1)				
 County solid waste plan inches closer to approval	12/01/2017	Star Beacon Online	OH	 
Water (2)				
 Environmental concerns stall work at former Elgin gas station	11/30/2017	Daily Herald - Cook County Online	IL	 
 EPA task force seeks stamp sand solution in Michigan	11/30/2017	Huron Daily Tribune Online	MI	 



News Headline: In Battle Over Biofuels, A Rare Loss for Big Oil | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: New York Times, The

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: EPA announces final 2018 RVO numbers under RFS |  

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Michigan Farmer Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: EPA expected to mandate use of 15 billion gallons of renewable fuels |  

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Michigan Farmer Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: EPA hears worries about climate in heart of coal country |  

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: KTTC-TV Online

Outlet State: MN

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News Headline: US exporting dirty fuel to already pollution-choked India | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: Judge sets hearing in East Chicago cleanup intervention case |  

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Tribune Online

Outlet State: IN

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News Headline: Ohio EPA seeks funds to clean up dump near school | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Dayton Daily News

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Toxic tap water probe: 2 more cases filed against Wolverine | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: WOOD-TV Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: County solid waste plan inches closer to approval | 

News Date: 12/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: Star Beacon Online

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Environmental concerns stall work at former Elgin gas station | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Daily Herald - Cook County Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: EPA task force seeks stamp sand solution in Michigan | 

News Date: 11/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Huron Daily Tribune Online

Outlet State: MI

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EPA Chicago - Weekend News Clips - Monday, October 02, 2017

Report Overview:

Total Clips (13)
 Administrator (1)
 Air (2)
 Articles on VW (1)
 Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (1)
 Energy Issues (3)
 Water (5)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Administrator (1)				
 The swamp continues to rise around an administration that promised to drain it	09/29/2017	Washington Post, The	DC	 
Air (2)				
 Critics say Rauner's proposed coal regulations could increase pollution	10/01/2017	State Journal-Register Online, The	IL	 
 Pollution could increase as Rauner EPA moves to rescue coal plants	10/01/2017	Journal Star Online	IL	 
Articles on VW (1)				
 Indiana undecided on how to spend \$41M Volkswagen settlement	09/30/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (1)				
 East Chicago starts replacing lead pipes that deliver water	10/01/2017	Tribune Star Online	IN	 
Energy Issues (3)				
 Activists in 4-state pipeline protest embrace unique defense	09/30/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
 Wild rice waters a big reason Indian tribes oppose Enbridge pipeline project	09/30/2017	Star Tribune Online	MN	 
 Minnesota hears it from both sides over Enbridge oil pipeline	09/29/2017	Evening Leader Online, The	OH	 
Water (5)				
 Background noise, inaccuracies not helping Ohio repair Lake Erie	09/30/2017	Blade Online, The	OH	 
 For village water supply, Milan picks pact with Erie County over treatment plant upgrades	09/30/2017	Norwalk Reflector Online	OH	 
 Sandusky Register Milan reaches new water deal for village customers	09/30/2017	Sandusky Register Online	OH	 

	Beach closures, 'nasty stuff' in the water, a problem that doesn't get fixed	09/29/2017	Detroit Free Press Online	MI	  
	Maumee River algae brings back memories of 2014 water crisis	09/29/2017	Blade Online, The	OH	  



News Headline: The swamp continues to rise around an administration that promised to drain it | 

News Date: 09/29/2017

Outlet Full Name: Washington Post, The

Outlet State: DC

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News Headline: Critics say Rauner's proposed coal regulations could increase pollution |  

News Date: 10/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: State Journal-Register Online, The

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Pollution could increase as Rauner EPA moves to rescue coal plants |  

News Date: 10/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: Journal Star Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Indiana undecided on how to spend \$41M Volkswagen settlement | 

News Date: 09/30/2017

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: East Chicago starts replacing lead pipes that deliver water |  

News Date: 10/01/2017

Outlet Full Name: Tribune Star Online

Outlet State: IN

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News Headline: Activists in 4-state pipeline protest embrace unique defense | 

News Date: 09/30/2017


Outlet Full Name: Associated Press
Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: Wild rice waters a big reason Indian tribes oppose Enbridge pipeline project | 


News Date: 09/30/2017
Outlet Full Name: Star Tribune Online
Outlet State: MN

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News Headline: Minnesota hears it from both sides over Enbridge oil pipeline | 


News Date: 09/29/2017
Outlet Full Name: Evening Leader Online, The
Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Background noise, inaccuracies not helping Ohio repair Lake Erie | 


News Date: 09/30/2017
Outlet Full Name: Blade Online, The
Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: For village water supply, Milan picks pact with Erie County over treatment plant upgrades | 


News Date: 09/30/2017
Outlet Full Name: Norwalk Reflector Online
Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Sandusky Register | Milan reaches new water deal for village customers | 


News Date: 09/30/2017
Outlet Full Name: Sandusky Register Online
Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Beach closures, 'nasty stuff' in the water, a problem that doesn't get fixed | 

News Date: 09/29/2017
Outlet Full Name: Detroit Free Press Online
Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: Maumee River algae brings back memories of 2014 water crisis | 

News Date: 09/29/2017
Outlet Full Name: Blade Online, The
Outlet State: OH

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EPA Chicago - Weekend News Clips - Monday, September 11, 2017





Report Overview:

Total Clips (15)
Administrator (1)
Air (1)
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (5)
Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)
Enforcement (1)
Grants/Awards (4)
Toxics (1)
Water (1)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Administrator (1)				
 EPA chief declines to discuss climate change in 'midst of the storm'	09/09/2017	WJBD-AM/FM - Online	IL	  
Air (1)				
 More Than 40 Sites Released Hazardous Pollutants Because of Hurricane Harvey	09/08/2017	New York Times Online, The	NY	  
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (5)				
 City may tear down gutted Decatur warehouse	09/09/2017	Herald & Review Online	IL	  
 EPA urged to expand testing around Superfund site in Indiana	09/09/2017	Associated Press	NY	 
 Long-neglected Calumet area in East Chicago should be 'first in line' for redevelopment dollars	09/09/2017	Times of Northwest Indiana - Online, The	IN	  
 Measure pits business against environment	09/09/2017	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	WI	 

	Rubble removal begins Clean-up of school debris finally begins in Conneaut	09/08/2017	Star Beacon Online	OH	  
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








Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)

	A water protector's view: Without violence, we can save our water,...	09/10/2017	Duluth News-Tribune Online	MN	  
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Enforcement (1)

	Attorney for former Sebring water director hopes to put OEPA on trial	09/09/2017	Vindicator Online	OH	  
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Grants/Awards (4)


	Political aide now vets EPA's grants	09/09/2017	Dayton Daily News	OH	
	Tires collected for free at Madison Twp. recycling event	09/09/2017	Journal-News Online	OH	  
	County gets \$500,000 for Pike River restoration in Pets	09/08/2017	Kenosha News Online	WI	  
	Crystal Lake Park District Begins Fetzner Park Riparian Restoration Project	09/08/2017	chicagotribune.com/suburbs/barrington	IL	  

Toxics (1)

	Regulations needed for toxin disposal	09/09/2017	Indianapolis Star Online, The	IN	  
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Water (1)

	Wisconsin residents push back against mine looming just over state line	09/10/2017	Chippewa Herald Online	WI	  
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News Headline: EPA chief declines to discuss climate change in 'midst of the storm' | 

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: WJBD-AM/FM - Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: More Than 40 Sites Released Hazardous Pollutants Because of Hurricane Harvey |  

News Date: 09/08/2017

Outlet Full Name: New York Times Online, The

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: City may tear down gutted Decatur warehouse |  

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Herald & Review Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: EPA urged to expand testing around Superfund site in Indiana | 

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: Long-neglected Calumet area in East Chicago should be 'first in line' for redevelopment dollars |  

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Times of Northwest Indiana - Online, The

Outlet State: IN

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News Headline: Measure pits business against environment | 

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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News Headline: Rubble removal begins Clean-up of school debris finally begins in Conneaut |  

News Date: 09/08/2017

Outlet Full Name: Star Beacon Online

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News Headline: A water protector's view: Without violence, we can save our water,... |  

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Outlet Full Name: Duluth News-Tribune Online

Outlet State: MN

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
News Headline: Attorney for former Sebring water director hopes to put OEPA on trial |  

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Vindicator Online

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News Headline: Political aide now vets EPA's grants | 

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Dayton Daily News

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News Headline: Tires collected for free at Madison Twp. recycling event |  

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Journal-News Online

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News Headline: County gets \$500,000 for Pike River restoration in Pets |  

News Date: 09/08/2017

Outlet Full Name: Kenosha News Online

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News Headline: Crystal Lake Park District Begins Fetzner Park Riparian Restoration Project |  

News Date: 09/08/2017

Outlet Full Name: chicagotribune.com/suburbs/barrington
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News Headline: Regulations needed for toxin disposal |  

News Date: 09/09/2017

Outlet Full Name: Indianapolis Star Online, The

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News Headline: Wisconsin residents push back against mine looming just over state line |  

News Date: 09/10/2017

Outlet Full Name: Chippewa Herald Online

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Total Clips (8)
































Air (1)



Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)

Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (2)

Energy Issues (2)

Grants/Awards (1)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Air (1)				
 Major demolitions underway at Peru coal plant	08/29/2017	Pharos-Tribune Online	IN	  
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)				
 Positive reports received regarding Uranium Enrichment Plant clean-up	08/29/2017	Times-Journal - Online	OH	  
 Public health dangers loom in Harvey-hit areas	08/28/2017	Associated Press Online	NY	  
Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (2)				
 Letter to the editor: The dark side of tar sand oil	08/28/2017	Park Rapids Enterprise Online	MN	  
 Trump's misguided effort to roll back fuel economy Opinion	08/28/2017	Detroit Free Press Online	MI	  
Energy Issues (2)				
 Trump appointees approve Nexus pipeline in Michigan and Ohio	08/28/2017	Detroit Metro Times Online	MI	  
 Federal agency OKs gas pipeline project	08/28/2017	Dayton Daily News	OH	 
Grants/Awards (1)				
 Kenosha nets grants for Simmons Island rehabilitation	08/29/2017	Kenosha News Online	WI	  



News Headline: Major demolitions underway at Peru coal plant |  

News Date: 08/29/2017

Outlet Full Name: Pharos-Tribune Online

Outlet State: IN

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News Headline: Positive reports received regarding Uranium Enrichment Plant clean-up |  

News Date: 08/29/2017

Outlet Full Name: Times-Journal - Online

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News Headline: Public health dangers loom in Harvey-hit areas |  

News Date: 08/28/2017

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press Online

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: Letter to the editor: The dark side of tar sand oil |  

News Date: 08/28/2017

Outlet Full Name: Park Rapids Enterprise Online

Outlet State: MN

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News Headline: Trump's misguided effort to roll back fuel economy | Opinion |  

News Date: 08/28/2017

Outlet Full Name: Detroit Free Press Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: Trump appointees approve Nexus pipeline in Michigan and Ohio |  

News Date: 08/28/2017

Outlet Full Name: Detroit Metro Times Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: Federal agency OKs gas pipeline project | 

News Date: 08/28/2017

Outlet Full Name: Dayton Daily News

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Kenosha nets grants for Simmons Island rehabilitation | 

News Date: 08/29/2017

Outlet Full Name: Kenosha News Online

Outlet State: WI

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EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Report Overview:

Total Clips (15)

Air (3)





























Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)

Energy Issues (1)
















Pesticides (1)


Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (4)

Water (4)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Air (3)				
 The urgent Sterigenics question in DuPage: How much cancer risk?	09/25/2018	Chicago Tribune	IL	
 Trump plan to rollback fuel standards to get second hearing	09/25/2018	Springfield News-Sun Online	OH	 
 Automakers seek flexibility at hearing on mileage standards	09/24/2018	Associated Press	NY	
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)				
 In a U.S. manufacturing hub, no illusions about tariffs and jobs	09/26/2018	WNMT-FM - Online	MN	 
 Cleanup efforts underway following Iowa train derailment	09/24/2018	Associated Press	NY	
Energy Issues (1)				
 Environmental, tribal groups ask Minnesota PUC to reconsider oil pipeline	09/25/2018	St. Paul Pioneer Press	MN	
Pesticides (1)				
 Trump administration appeals ban of pesticide linked to childhood disorders	09/26/2018	Sauk Valley Newspapers Online	IL	 
Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (4)				
 Allegan County resident dies from West Nile virus	09/25/2018	WZZM-TV Online	MI	 
 Oakland County Health Division confirms West Nile virus-related death	09/25/2018	Weekend Voice - Online	MI	 
 West Nile virus detected in Alliance resident	09/25/2018	Alliance Review Online	OH	 
 No garden-variety flood	09/24/2018	Columbus Dispatch, The	OH	

Water (4)

 Lawsuits likely over well-water contamination	09/26/2018	WSAU-AM Online	WI	  
 Analysis The Energy 202: Something strange is happening with Arctic lakes	09/25/2018	Washington Post Online, The	DC	  
 Drinking water violations more common in impoverished counties	09/25/2018	WSAU-AM Online	WI	  
 How do you move a floating Duluth landmark? Very carefully.	09/24/2018	St. Paul Pioneer Press	MN	 



News Headline: The urgent Sterigenics question in DuPage: How much cancer risk? | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: Chicago Tribune

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Trump plan to rollback fuel standards to get second hearing |  

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: Springfield News-Sun Online

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Automakers seek flexibility at hearing on mileage standards | 

News Date: 09/24/2018

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: In a U.S. manufacturing hub, no illusions about tariffs and jobs |  

News Date: 09/26/2018

Outlet Full Name: WNMT-FM - Online

Outlet State: MN

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News Headline: Cleanup efforts underway following Iowa train derailment | 

News Date: 09/24/2018

Outlet Full Name: Associated Press

Outlet State: NY

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News Headline: Environmental, tribal groups ask Minnesota PUC to reconsider oil pipeline | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: St. Paul Pioneer Press

Outlet State: MN

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News Headline: Trump administration appeals ban of pesticide linked to childhood disorders | 

News Date: 09/26/2018

Outlet Full Name: Sauk Valley Newspapers Online

Outlet State: IL

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News Headline: Allegan County resident dies from West Nile virus | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: WZZM-TV Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: Oakland County Health Division confirms West Nile virus-related death | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: Weekend Voice - Online

Outlet State: MI

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News Headline: West Nile virus detected in Alliance resident | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: Alliance Review Online

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: No garden-variety flood | 

News Date: 09/24/2018

Outlet Full Name: Columbus Dispatch, The

Outlet State: OH

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News Headline: Lawsuits likely over well-water contamination | 

News Date: 09/26/2018

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News Headline: Analysis | The Energy 202: Something strange is happening with Arctic lakes | 

News Date: 09/25/2018

Outlet Full Name: Washington Post Online, The

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News Headline: Drinking water violations more common in impoverished counties | 

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Outlet State: WI

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News Headline: How do you move a floating Duluth landmark? Very carefully. | 

News Date: 09/24/2018

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:00 PM, Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org> wrote:

For what it's worth, here's our updated story with Trey's comments added, as well as photos and video of muck in the river.

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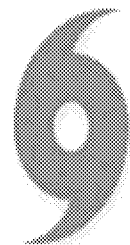
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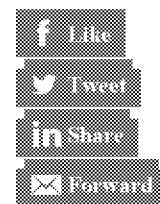
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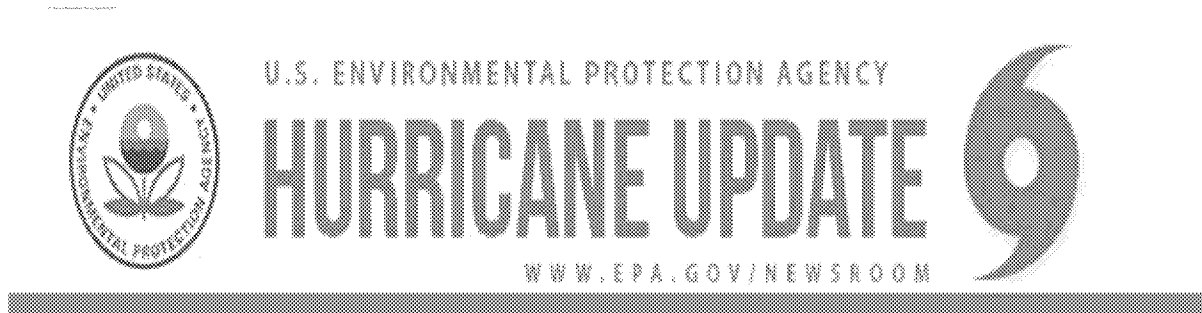
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Sent: 9/22/2018 1:21:10 AM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Hill, Franklin [Hill.Franklin@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Follow up

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 8:15 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

See his follow up questions below.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>
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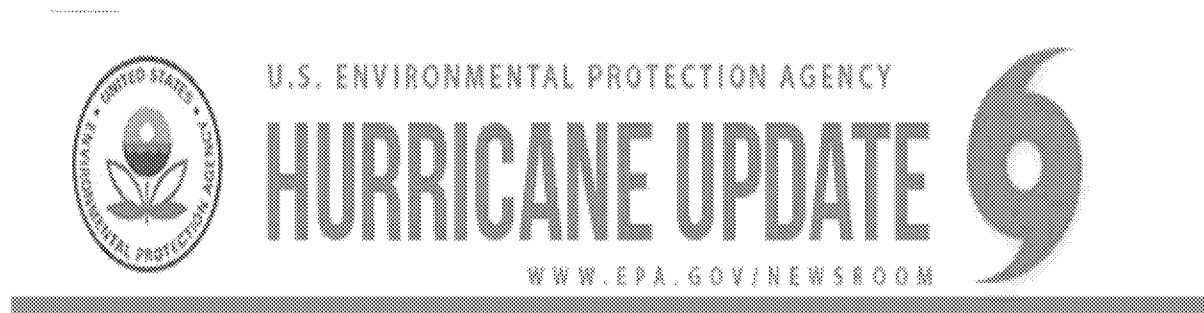
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From: EPA News [cynthia.greer@cision.com]
Sent: 9/19/2018 12:25:06 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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Report Overview:

Total Clips (9)

Air (2)


































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Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)

Energy Issues (1)

Pesticides (1)


Water (3)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Air (2)				
 Franklin environmental results show no signs of cancer-causing chemicals near old plant	09/19/2018	WRTV-TV Online	IN	  
 The Latest: More N Carolina counties qualify for federal aid	09/17/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (1)				
 Harrison County News	09/17/2018	Times-Reporter, The	OH	 
Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)				
 Letters to the editor	09/19/2018	Star Beacon Online	OH	  
Energy Issues (1)				
 Herman Miller SLT plant to be powered by wind energy	09/18/2018	Grand Haven Tribune Online	MI	  
Pesticides (1)				
 West Nile Virus found in Knox County horse	09/18/2018	KnoxPages.com	OH	  
Water (3)				
 Don't swallow Huron River foam	09/18/2018	Detroit Free Press Online	MI	  
 Kalamazoo County offers seminar for those on private wells, septic systems	09/18/2018	MLive	MI	  
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News Headline: Franklin environmental results show no signs of cancer-causing chemicals near old plant |   

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Sent: 9/14/2018 3:45:23 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

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From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
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That list is updated in the September 13 release linked below.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
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Are you still working from the Region 4 list of nine sites you sent me earlier in the week, or has the list of vulnerable sites expanded with the changing forecast?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

I think you missed it. We sent an update. Here are all the releases we've put out thus far and a new statement you can use (you're the only outlet that has this statement at this point). For planning purposes, we will send another update later this afternoon and we will continue to participate in person at the FEMA morning press briefings here in DC over the weekend.

- [EPA Hurricane Florence Update Thursday, September 13, 2018](#)
- [EPA Hurricane Florence Update Wednesday, September 12, 2018](#)
- [EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina](#)
- [EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for Virginia and Georgia](#)

"At EPA our pre landfall activities are complete. We are now focused on response. We are continuing to closely monitor the path of the storm to identify sites that may not have been previously evaluated. We are monitoring numerous sources of information for reports on releases of oil and hazardous substances from first responders engaged in search and rescue, media observations and reporting, information from facility personnel embedded at their sites, and information flows from the local command posts, state and regional emergency operations centers. EPA's On Scene Coordinators and equipment are ready to deploy. We are continuing to coordinate with our Federal, State, Tribal and local government partners to provide assistance as needed." – EPA Spokesperson

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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Never got anything on Superfund yesterday. Did I miss it?

We are planning to have something for AP on the sites in flood zones today.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 3:06 PM
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We will have a new update soon.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 1:10 PM
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Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Anything new today as the track shifts farther south?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

That was the region 4 list. Still working on region 3.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:36 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Any more in Virginia? Norfolk area?

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- Macalloy Corporation, Charleston, SC

- Kopper CO., INC, Charleston SC
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Sent: 9/14/2018 3:46:01 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Reaching out for best hurricane contact

Will do for both. But I know for a fact Biesecker is on the hurricane list.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:42 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Reaching out for best hurricane contact

Can you add her to the distribution lists please? Also Biesecker claims he's not getting the hurricane releases...

From: Fox, Lauren [mailto:Lauren.Fox@turner.com]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Reaching out for best hurricane contact

Good morning,

I just wanted to reach out to see who the best contact for the hurricane response will be at the EPA. I wanted to learn a little bit more about EPA's role and was hoping to chat to someone asap.

Lauren Fox
Congressional Reporter
CNN Politics
Lauren.Fox@turner.com
406-249-2764

From: EPA News [cynthia.greer@cision.com]
Sent: 9/14/2018 12:47:33 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Friday, September 14, 2018

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Report Overview:

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Climate Change (2)

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 U.S. Army Mobilizes Against Lead Hazards at Bases Around Globe	09/13/2018	New York Times Online, The	NY	 
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Climate Change (2)				
 California governor: Trump a fool on climate legacy	09/13/2018	Journal-News Online	OH	 
 New IU site to help communities cope with climate change	09/13/2018	Herald-Times Online	IN	 
Toxics (2)				
 Hazmat situation occurring on I-75 North in Harrison Twp.	09/14/2018	Dayton Daily News Online/daytondailynews.com	OH	 
 DePue residents encouraged to allow soil- pollution testing	09/13/2018	News Tribune Online	IL	 
Wastes and Hazardous Wastes (1)				
 Illinois EPA schedules household hazardous waste collection	09/12/2018	Associated Press	NY	 

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 No decision yet on injection well	09/14/2018	Cadillac News Online	MI	  
 Canteen-Cahokia Creek Watershed Plan discussion set	09/13/2018	Edwardsville Intelligencer - Online	IL	  
 Flint urges EPA to intervene in water dispute with Snyder	09/13/2018	WILX-TV Online	MI	  
 Keeping tabs on your water's safety	09/13/2018	Petoskey News-Review Online	MI	  
 The pediatrician who broke the Flint water crisis wide-open	09/13/2018	City Pulse Online	MI	  
 Upcoming town hall to address water contamination	09/13/2018	CandGNews.com	MI	  

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
News Headline: U.S. Army Mobilizes Against Lead Hazards at Bases Around Globe |  

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News Headline: Mississippi industrial site added to Superfund cleanup list | 

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

























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Subject: EPA Chicago - Daily News Clips - Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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Report Overview:

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 Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)
 Climate Change (1)
 Energy Issues (1)
 Trash / Recycling / Solid Waste (1)
 Water (6)

Headline	Date	Outlet	Outlet State	
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (2)				
 Central Indiana well field approved as EPA cleanup priority	09/10/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
 Michigan steel plant site proposed for Superfund cleanup	09/10/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
Climate Change (1)				
 Industrial Refrigeration System Market Worth \$24.48 Billion by 2024	09/12/2018	Post & Mail Online	IN	 
Energy Issues (1)				
 Broadwind Energy Announces Sale of Idle Gearing Facility	09/12/2018	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online	WI	 
Trash / Recycling / Solid Waste (1)				
 JSW board approves replacement of district office roof	09/10/2018	Times-Reporter, The	OH	 
Water (6)				
 Congressional candidate doesn't want to see aquifer plan go through	09/12/2018	Blade Online, The	OH	 
 Carolinas brace for a brew of waste, coal ash	09/11/2018	Chicago Tribune	IL	 
 Congressional candidate Michael Galbraith opposes aquifer plan	09/11/2018	Blade, The	OH	 
 Florence could flood hog manure pits, coal ash dumps	09/11/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
 Hurricane could flood many waste sites, creating toxic brew	09/10/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
 More Than 1,100 School Faucets Still Have Lead, City Says	09/10/2018	New York Times, The	NY	 

News Headline: Central Indiana well field approved as EPA cleanup priority | 

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News Headline: Industrial Refrigeration System Market Worth \$24.48 Billion by 2024 |  

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News Date: 09/10/2018

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Sent: 9/12/2018 12:09:17 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina

Thanks.

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From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 8:15:58 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael
Subject: EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina

Michael: See the release below and waiver attached.

EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina

WASHINGTON (September 11, 2018) — Today, in preparation for Hurricane Florence, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler approved emergency fuel waiver requests made this afternoon on behalf of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster.

Acting Administrator Wheeler quickly determined that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist in portions of North Carolina and South Carolina as a result of the approaching hurricane, and has granted a temporary waiver to help ensure that an adequate supply of gasoline is available in the affected areas until normal supply to the region can be restored.

EPA has waived the federal Reid vapor pressure requirements for fuel sold in designated areas in North Carolina and South Carolina to minimize problems with the supply of gasoline. This waiver will continue through September 15, 2018, which is the end of the summer fuel season in these designated areas. EPA has also waived the prohibition on the blending of reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenated blending with other gasoline blendstock or oxygenate. This waiver of the comingling prohibition is effective through October 1, 2018.

The Clear Air Act allows EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler, in consultation with U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Rick Perry, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that could occur as a result of a hurricane.

As required by law, EPA and DOE evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation resulting from Hurricane Florence, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of

their geographic scope and duration.

More information: www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers

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To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Thanks. Please share when it comes.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

That was the region 4 list. Still working on region 3.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:36 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Any more in Virginia? Norfolk area?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

The Superfund Remedial program has compiled a list of NPL sites within potentially impacted coastal zones. Vulnerability assessments for these NPL sites are being reviewed.

Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are:

- Macalloy Corporation, Charleston, SC
- Kopper CO., INC, Charleston SC
- Geiger, Charleston SC
- Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Beaufort, SC
- Wamchem, INC, Beaufort, SC
- Triangle Pacific Corporation, Pasquotank, NC
- Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, craven, NC
- Horton Iron and Metal, New Hanover, NC
- FCX, INC, Beaufort, NC

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 Health, safety conference marks 30 years	08/20/2018	Daily Herald - Cook County Online	IL	 
 Microsoft, Primary Election, E.P.A.: Your Tuesday Briefing	08/20/2018	New York Times, The	NY	 
 Red Trail president speaks up for ethanol production	08/20/2018	West Central Tribune Online	MN	 
 There are many 'ifs,' but the discovery of corn that fertilizes itself could transform agriculture	08/20/2018	Post-Crescent Online	WI	 
 Trump administration less concerned about conserving oil	08/19/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (1)				
 New report confirms East Chicago lead troubles	08/19/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
Grants/Awards (1)				
 EPA SELECTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTEES TO RECEIVE \$3.3 MILLION TO SUPPORT PROJECTS NATIONWIDE	08/19/2018	States News Service		 
Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (1)				
 Mosquito patrol: What's the buzz in Hancock County?	08/21/2018	Courier Online	OH	 
Water (7)				
 Company to pay \$500K fine for spill protection violations	08/21/2018	Star Tribune Online	MN	 
 Michigan health director Nick Lyon to face trial on Flint charges	08/21/2018	KARE-TV Online	MN	 

 Federal officials pledge readiness for pipeline spills	08/20/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
 Feds testifying at Senate hearing on Great Lakes pipeline	08/20/2018	Argus-Press Online, The	MI	 
 Illinois suing Trump Tower for environmental violations - Chronicle Media	08/20/2018	Chronicle Media		 
 Lucas County seeks to join Lake Erie algae lawsuit	08/20/2018	Blade, The	OH	 
 Key moments in lead in water crisis in Flint, Michigan	08/19/2018	Associated Press	NY	 



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News Headline: Health, safety conference marks 30 years |  

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News Headline: Microsoft, Primary Election, E.P.A.: Your Tuesday Briefing | 

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News Headline: New report confirms East Chicago lead troubles | 

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































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Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)

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 Gas guzzling is okay again, says Trump administration	08/20/2018	Detroit News Online, The	MI	  
 As Trump Dismantles Clean Air Rules, an Industry Lawyer Delivers for Ex-Clients	08/19/2018	New York Times Online, The	NY	  
 Flawed lead report put kids in worse danger	08/19/2018	Chicago Tribune	IL	 
 Industry Insider Pushes to Erode Clean Air Rules	08/19/2018	New York Times, The	NY	 
 Trump administration less concerned about conserving oil	08/19/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
 US says conserving oil is no longer an economic imperative	08/19/2018	Tribune Star Online	IN	  
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (1)				
 East Chicago residents, advocates voice dissatisfaction after troubling report about children and lead levels released	08/19/2018	Kokomo Perspective - Online	IN	  
Editorial / Op-Ed / Commentary / Letters (1)				
 Letter: Is Enbridge Line 5 worth the risk?	08/20/2018	Detroit News Online, The	MI	  
Toxics (1)				
 7 years later, new study shows East Chicago kids exposed to more lead because of flawed government report	08/20/2018	Post-Tribune Online	IN	  
Water (2)				
 Feds testifying at Senate hearing on Great Lakes pipeline	08/20/2018	Herald-Palladium Online, The	MI	  
 Rice Oil & Environmental turns to new water-cleaning technology	08/19/2018	Crain's Cleveland Business Online	OH	  

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


































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Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (3)

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 Leah Vukmir adds Scott Pruitt's former EPA spokesman to campaign team	08/21/2018	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online	WI	  
Air (10)				
 BFD reports fuel spill in Kickapoo Creek	08/22/2018	Pantagraph Online	IL	  
 EPA moves to dramatically cut regulation of coal power	08/22/2018	Record-Courier Online	OH	  
 Illinois, other states blast Trump administration coal plan, consider lawsuits	08/22/2018	Journal Gazette & Times-Courier - Online	IL	  
 Administration proposes rule that would ease carbon limits on power plants	08/21/2018	Washington Post, The	DC	 
 Coal's comeback plan	08/21/2018	Chicago Tribune	IL	 
 Lifeline for coal plants, but Ill. not turning back	08/21/2018	Chicago Tribune	IL	 
 Trump's New Pollution Rules Still Won't Save the Coal Industry	08/21/2018	New York Times, The	NY	 
 US plan for coal power deregulation could cause more deaths	08/21/2018	Journal-News Online	OH	  
 Cost of New E.P.A. Coal Rules: Up to 1,400 More Deaths a Year	08/20/2018	New York Times, The	NY	 
 States blast Trump administration coal plan, mull lawsuits	08/20/2018	Associated Press	NY	 
Brownfields / Superfund / Other Cleanups (3)				
 Illinois EPA removes 4,600 tons of used tires from Rockford business	08/22/2018	Rockford Register Star Online	IL	  
 Higher rates of cancer, illnesses followed PFOA exposure	08/21/2018	Telegraph Online, The	IL	  
 Judge says algae lawsuit has too many loopholes	08/21/2018	Blade, The	OH	 

Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (1)

 **Michigan official to stand trial over Flint water crisis** 08/22/2018 WDIV-TV Online MI   



Water (4)

 **Company to pay \$500K fine for spill protection violations** 08/21/2018 KEYC-TV Online MN   

 **Federal officials pledge readiness for pipeline spills** 08/21/2018 Journal Review Online IN   

 **Michigan reports progress on sampling water for toxins** 08/21/2018 Associated Press NY  

 **Jeffersonville moves forward with stormwater improvement plan** 08/20/2018 News and Tribune IN  



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
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Report Overview:

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 Oscoda Area Schools receive federal grant to ensure safe drinking water for students	08/14/2018	WPBN-TV - Online	MI	  
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
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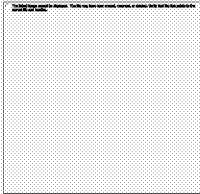
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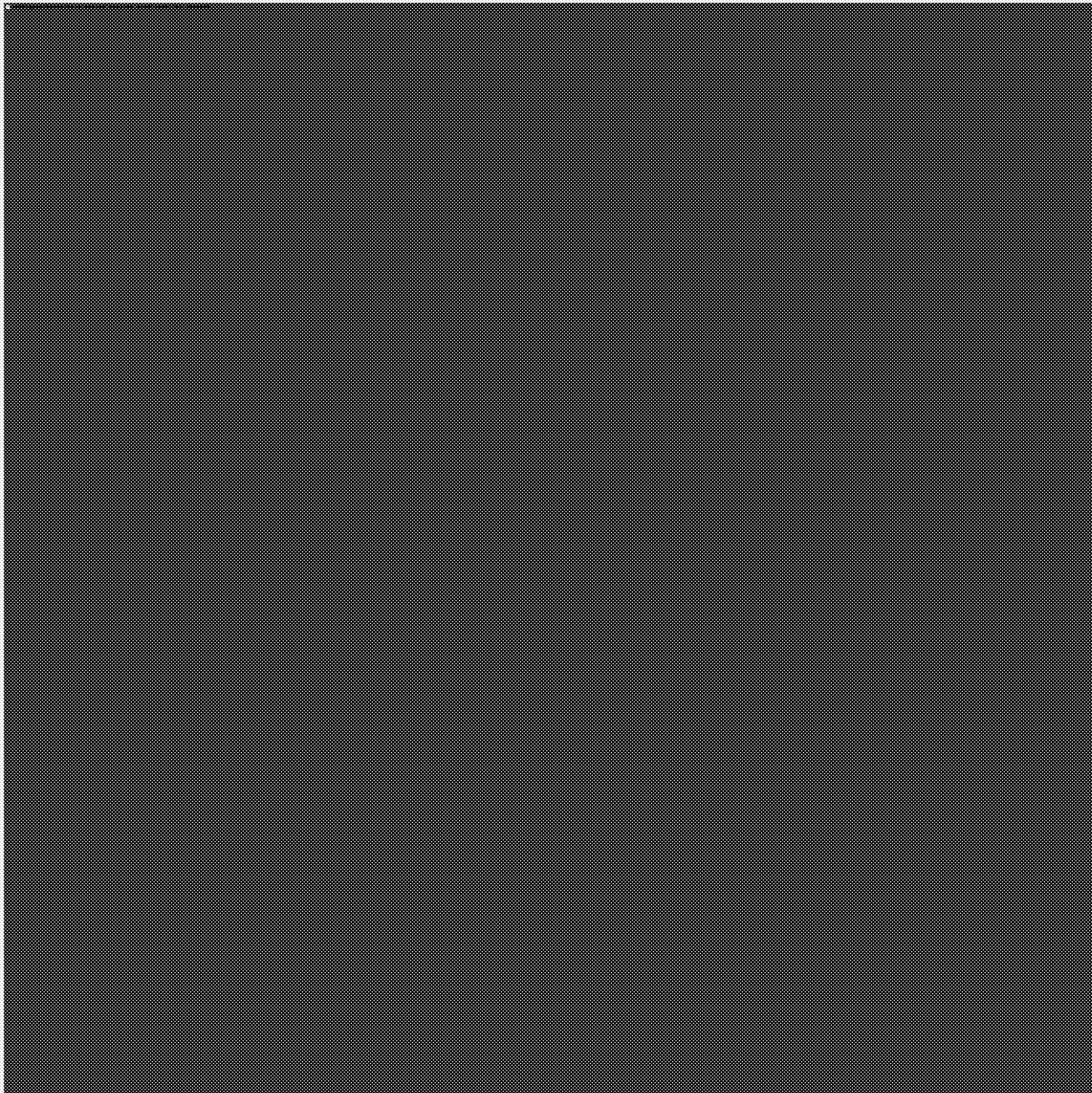
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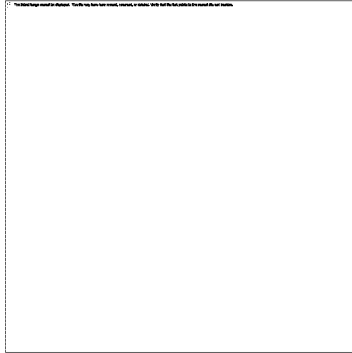
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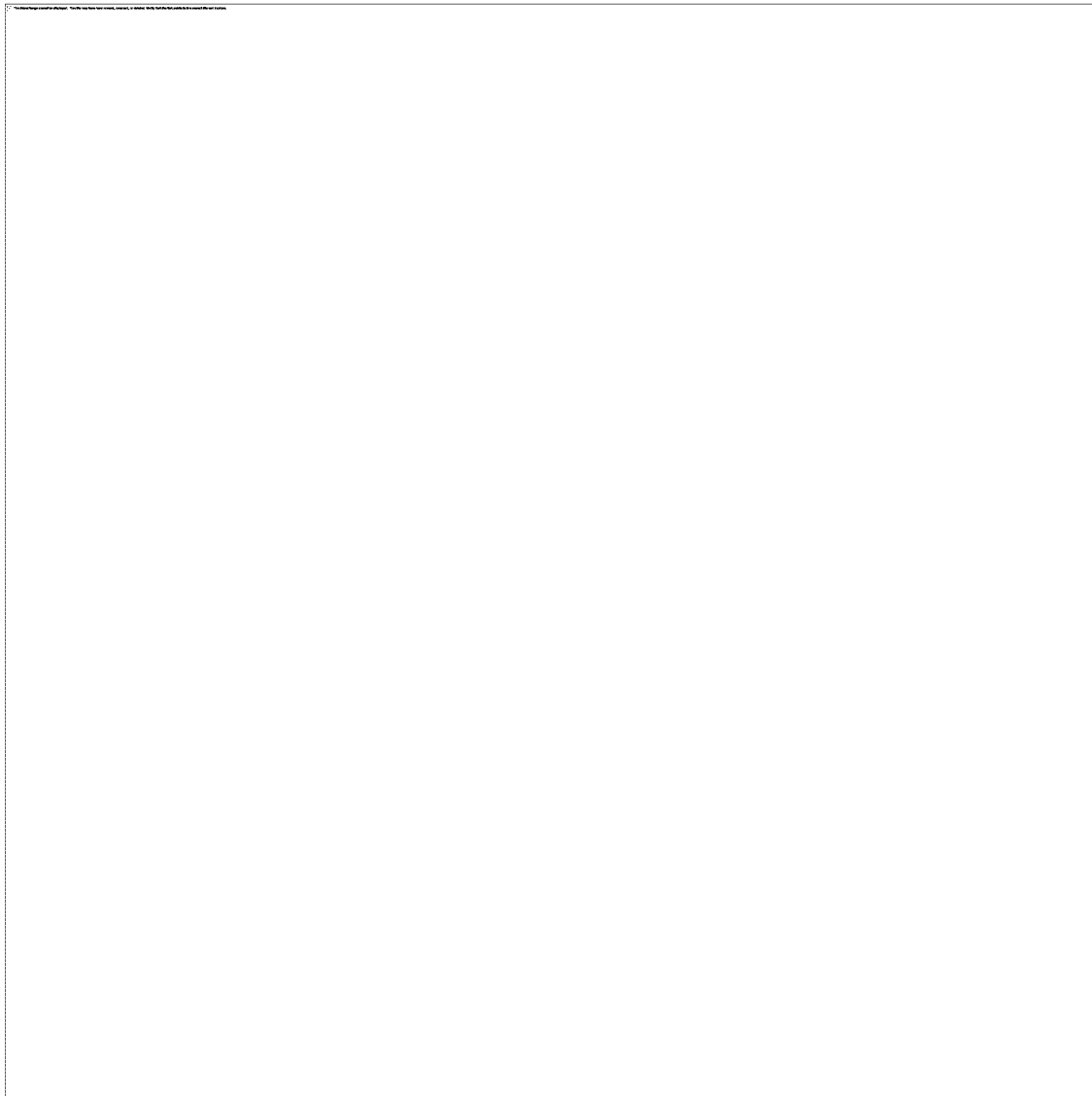
*"Quality in a service or product is not what you put into it.
It is what the client or customer gets out of it."*

-Peter Drucker

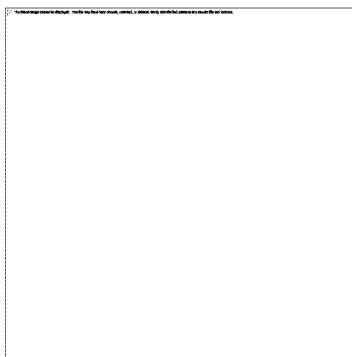
CUSTOM DESIGN // INTEGRATED THERMAL DEOILER & OXIDIZER



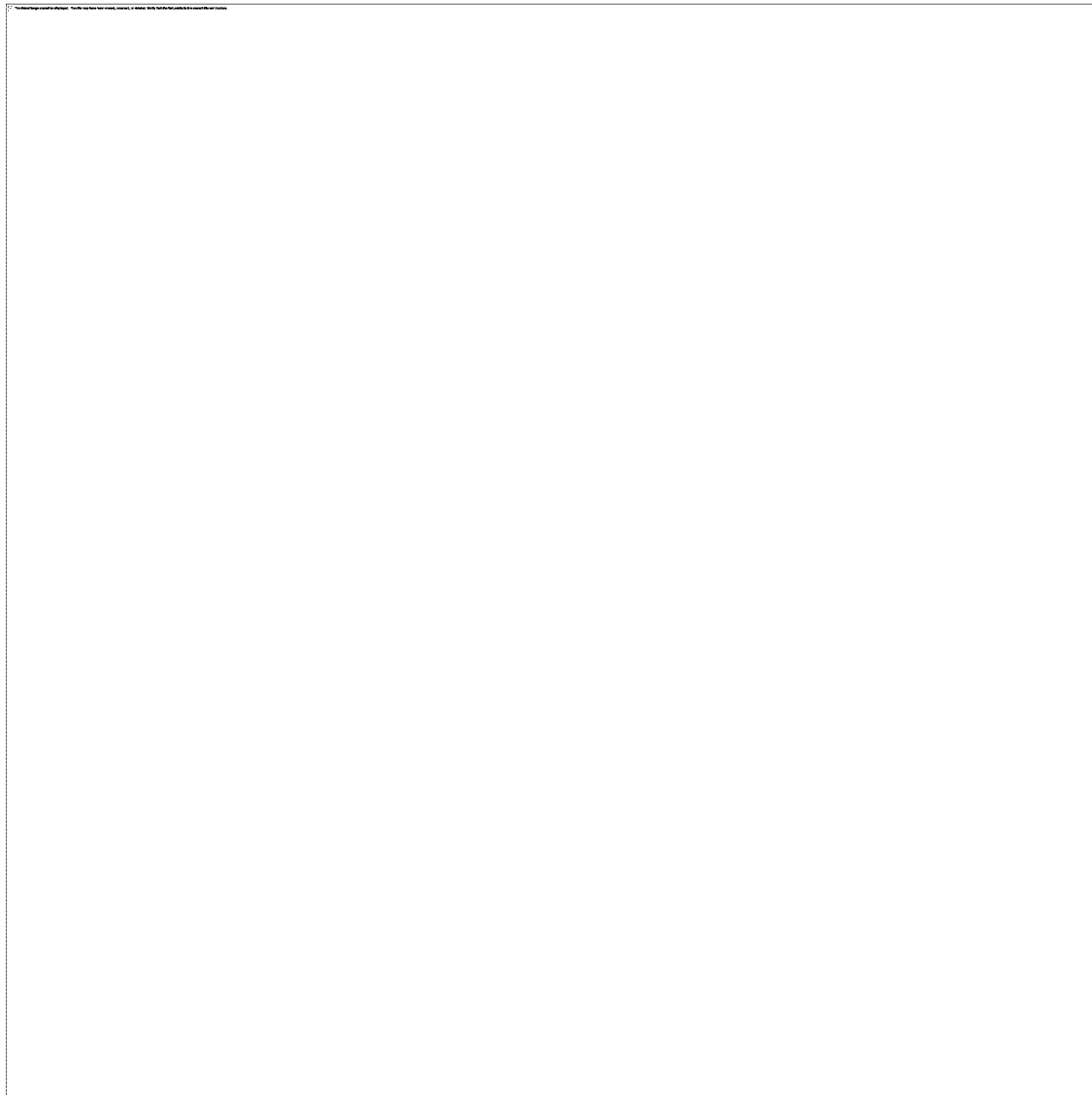
This Thermal Deoiler is based on an Oxidizer/Oven patented-Epcon® system and features a burner-less deoiler, a Cooling Zone, multiple Conveyors and Platforms. The units built-in secondary Heat Recovery utilizes a shell and tube type Heat Exchanger, to recycle the heat from the Oxidizer back into the burner-less Oven. This systems efficiency has significant reductions in fuel consumption and operating cost.



COMPREHENSIVE // CONVEYOR OVEN SYSTEM



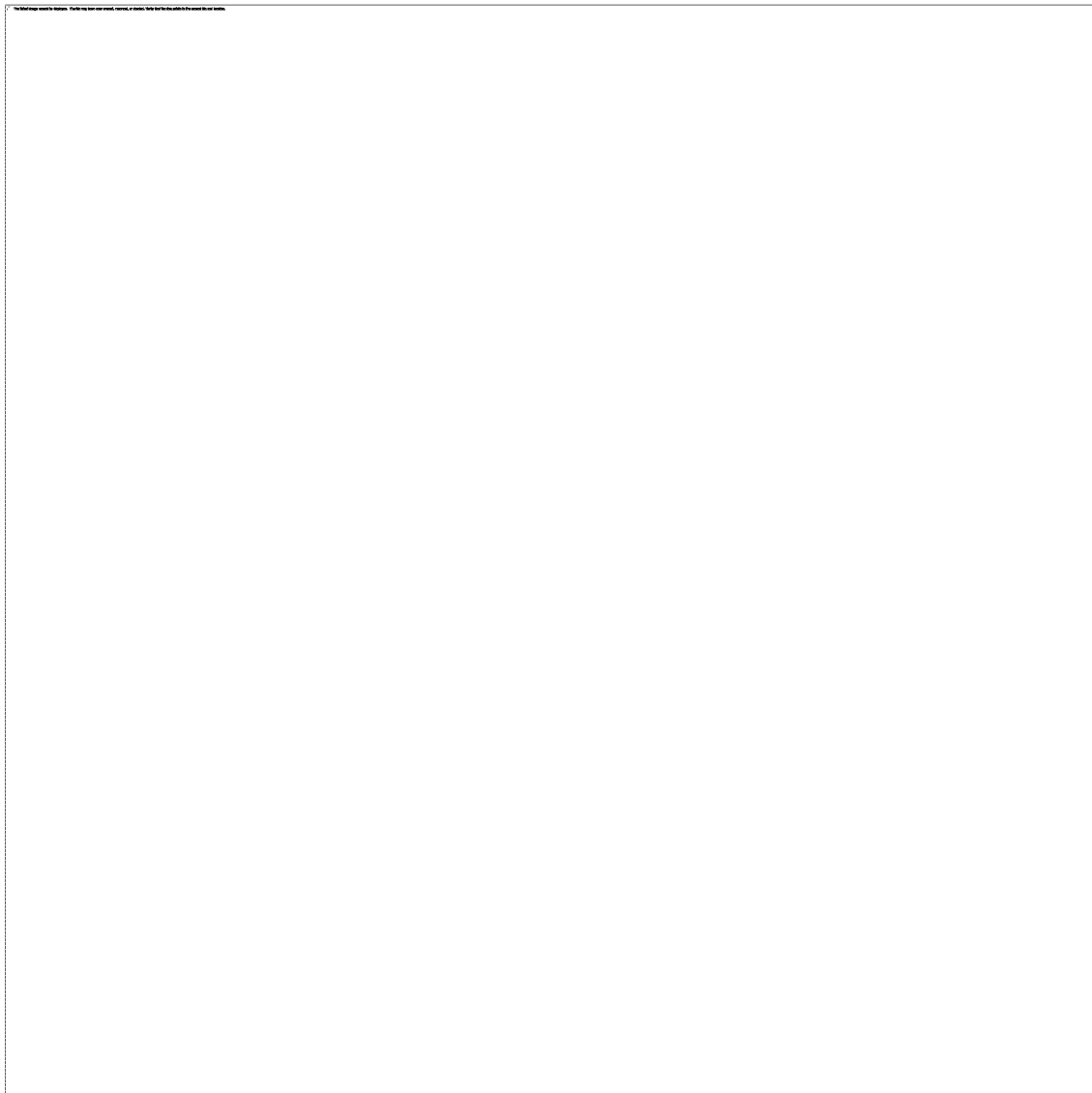
Epcon is proud to manufacture another conveyORIZED Oven system for this repeat customer. The equipment is designed to process Oilfield Equipment; the product flows from one end to the other end and is heated up with lacquer curing taking place. One Oven uses steam as a source of heat, and the other Oven uses natural gas as a source of heat.



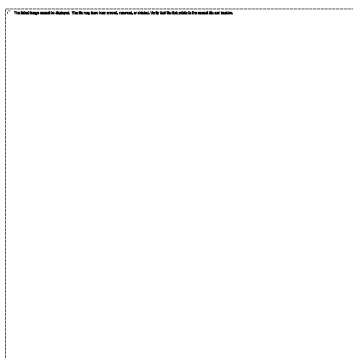
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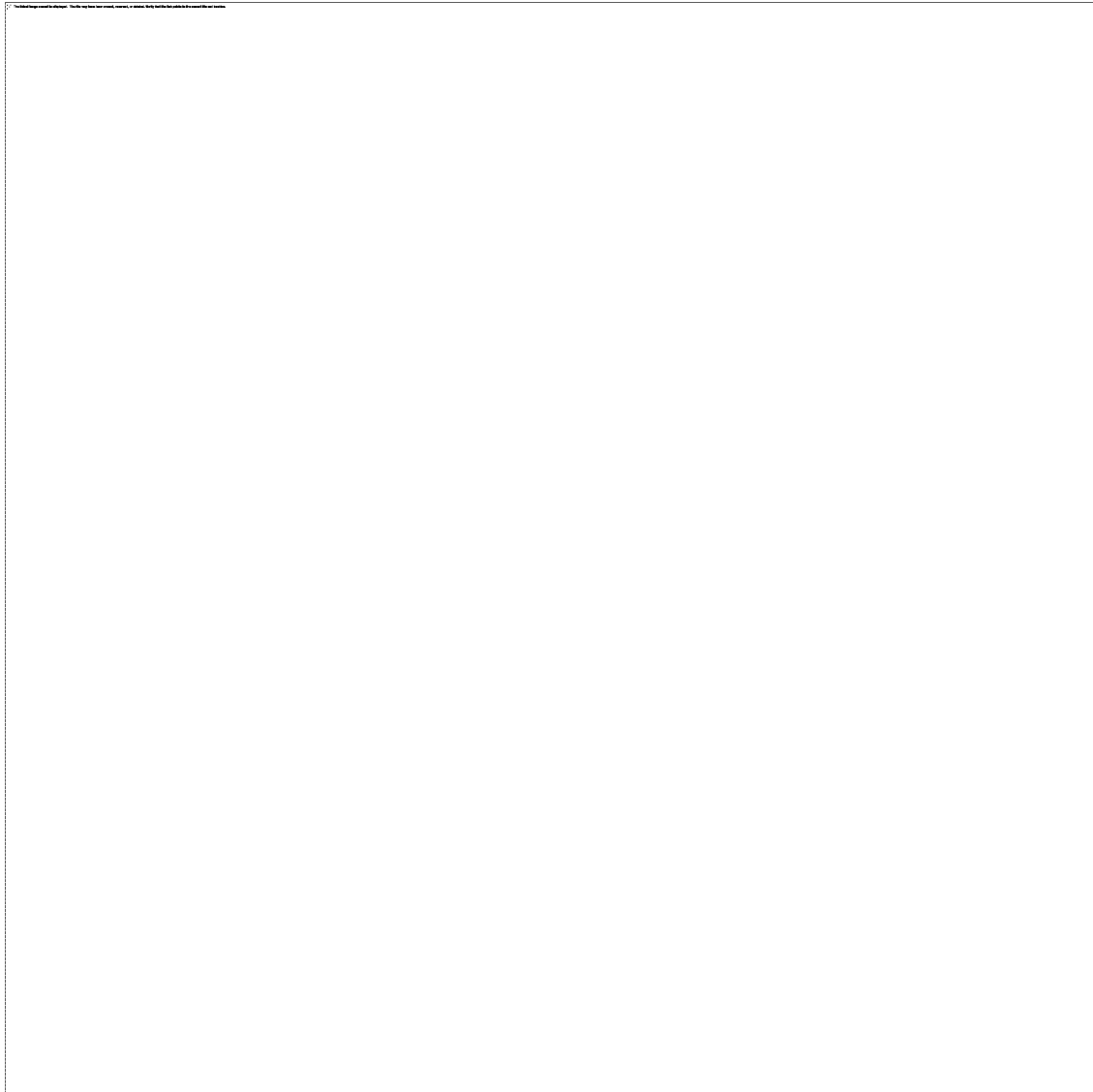
Epcon manufactured a 3000 SCFM Direct Fired Thermal Oxidizer (DFTO) for this chemical company to process emissions from various sources with high VOC loading. After analyzing the process, our engineers were able to dilute the air and alter the operating conditions, bringing the fuel consumption close to zero. The system passed the Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) and the satisfied customer was very pleased with the system performance and fuel efficiency.



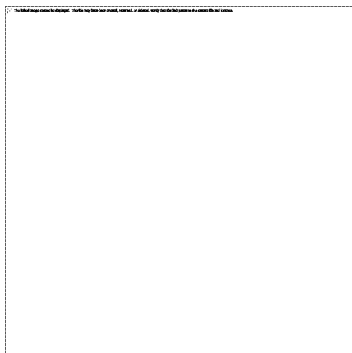
SPECIALIZED // MULTI-CHAMBER CONVEYOR OVEN & RTO



This high velocity, highly efficient conveyORIZED custom Oven was custom designed and fully manufactured by Epcon to process various metal parts. In addition, a 60,000 SCFM RTO was installed to control the air pollution, and also doubles as a heat supply back to the Oven's multiple combustion chambers within the conveyor system. The integrated system was full tested prior to shipment for 100% customer satisfaction!



PATENTED // INTEGRAL THERMAL DEOILER

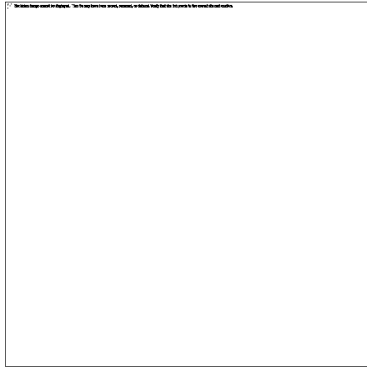


This system is based on one of Epcon's patents utilizing a Thermal Oxidizer and Thermal Deoiler for the Oven. The Thermal Deoiler is burner-less and utilizes the secondary heat from the Oxidizer. The Thermal Oxidizer has a primary Shell and Tube type Heat Exchanger which reduced the fuel consumption of the Oxidizer. In addition, a secondary heat recovery

system, incorporating a Plate and Shell Heat Exchanger, supplies the heat necessary to operate the burner-less Oven.

The World Health Organization published this Video BREATH LIFE: How Air Pollution Affects Your Body as material for The first global conference on air pollution and health

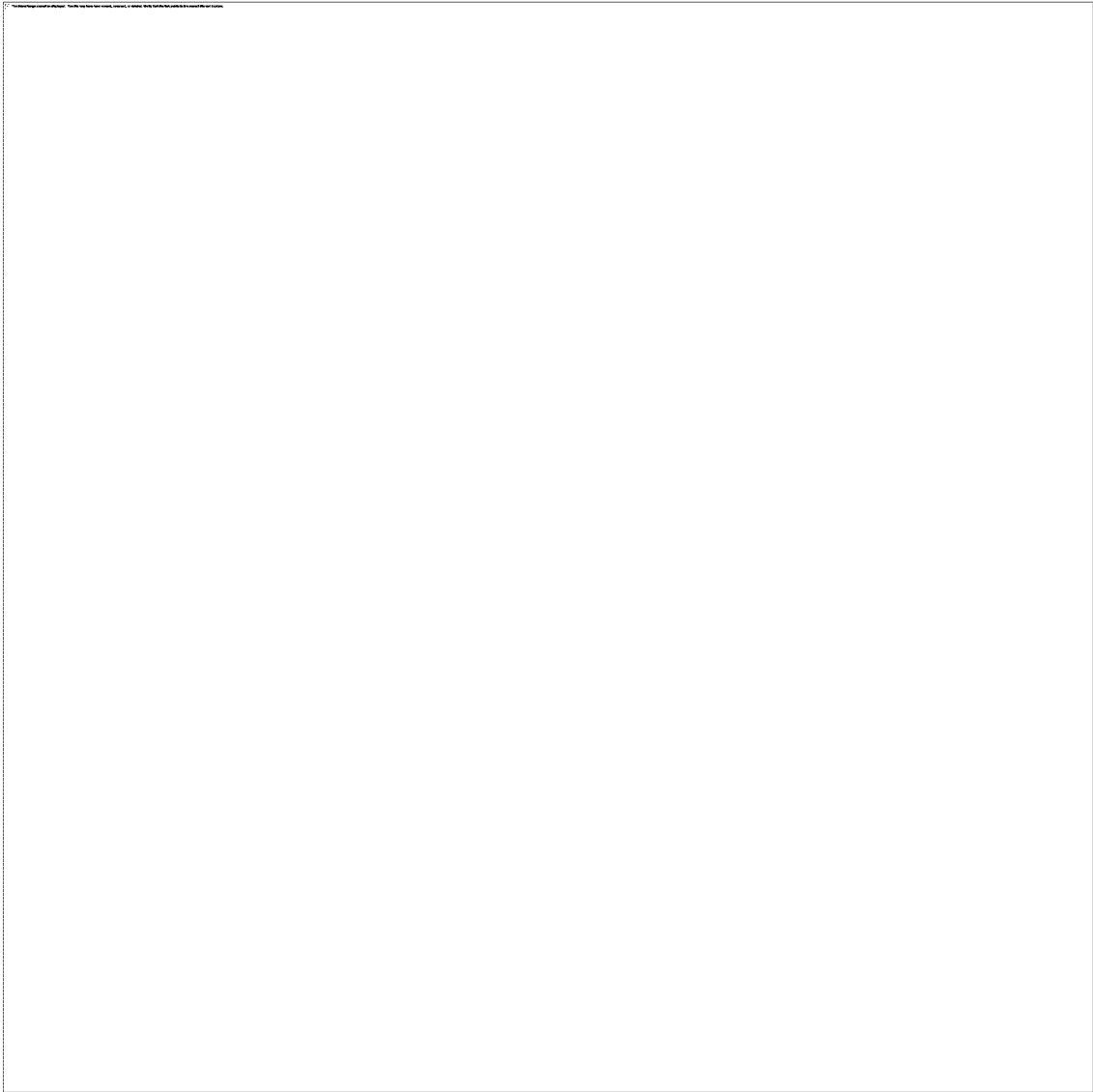
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TOP 20 MANUFACTURING FACTS //

Did you know that manufacturers contributed \$2.33 trillion to the U.S. economy in the first quarter of 2018 ? And - Over the next decade, nearly 3½ million manufacturing jobs will likely be needed, and 2 million are expected to go unfilled due to the skills gap? Oh And manufacturing sector in the United States would be the ninth-largest economy in the world !?!

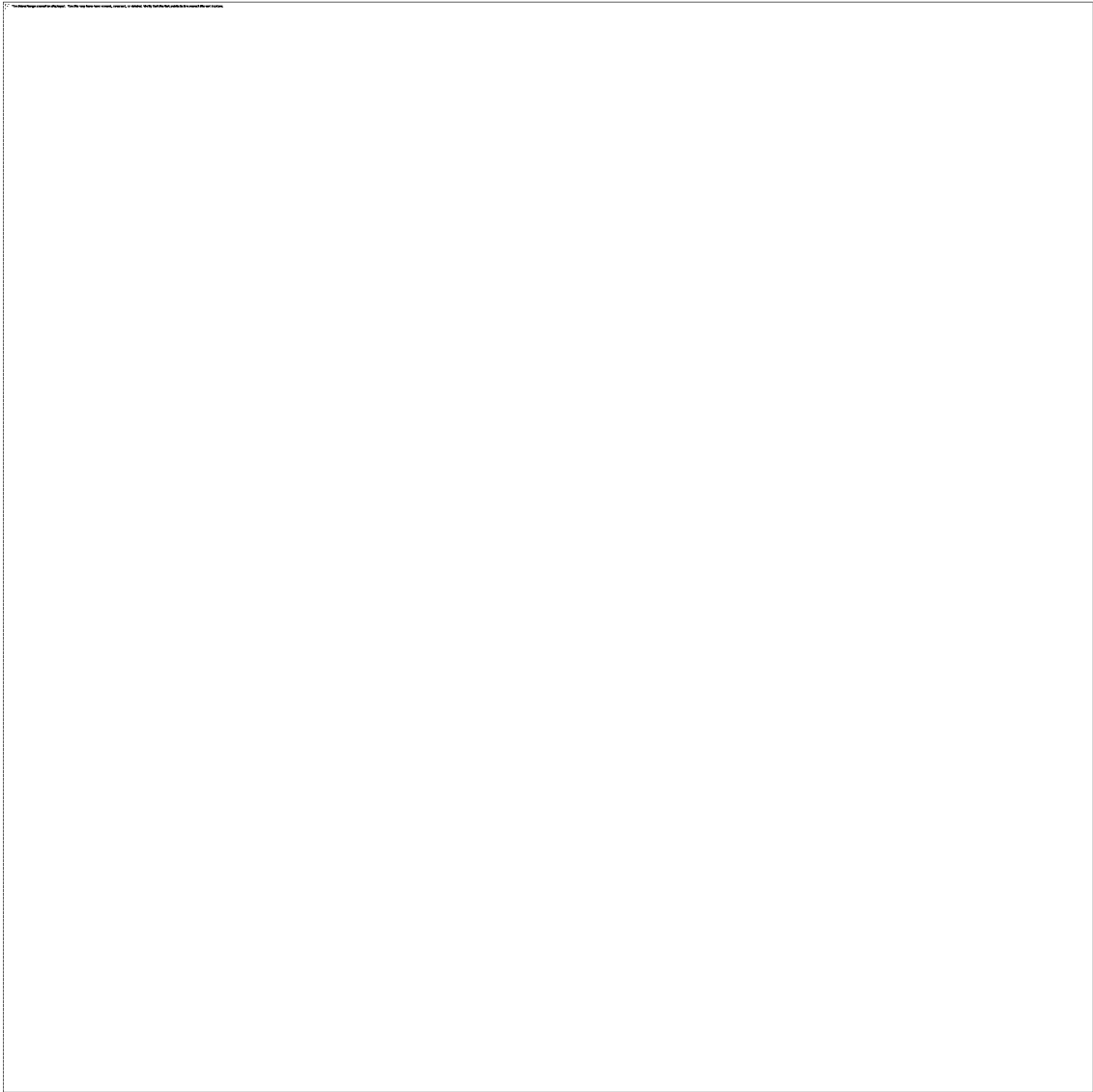
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TCEQ GRANTS FOR NEW AIR POLLUTION //

TCEQ is accepting applications for its New Technology Implementation Grant (NTIG) Program, which provides grants to assist in the implementation of new technologies to reduce emissions of regulated pollutants from stationary sources. Learn more about how Epcon's APC Systems Qualify your facility for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP).

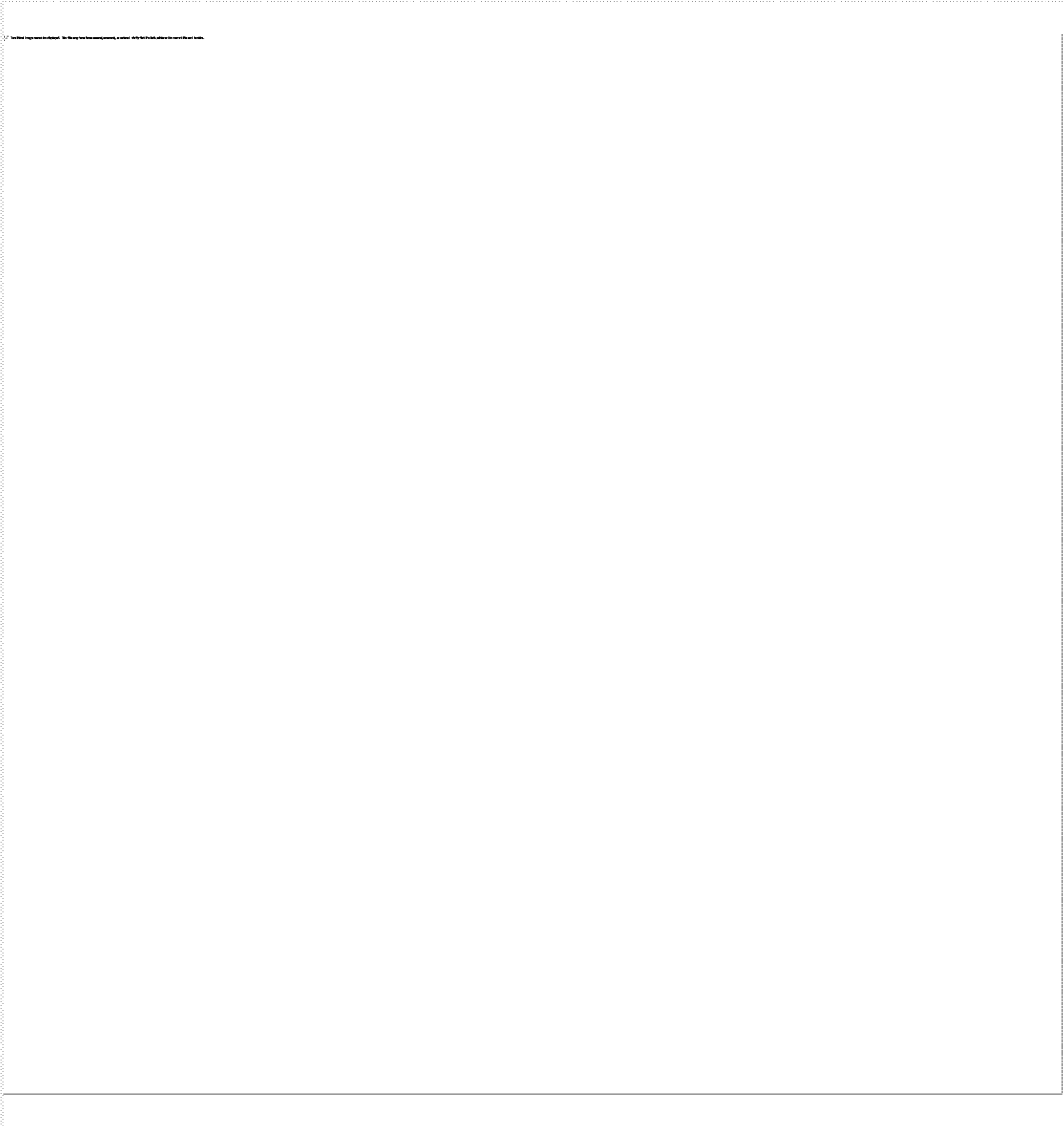
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HARVEY'S TOXIC AFTERMATH //

The Environmental Integrity Project's findings confirm reporting by the *Houston Chronicle* and the *Associated Press* published in a series earlier this year on the government's inaction following more than 100 toxic spills on land, in water and in the air during and after Harvey

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK // The U.S. economy is galloping along at a good pace, in part thanks to tax reform, notably the effects of corporate tax reduction. Meanwhile the stock market and domestic economy continue to perform despite the Federal Reserve's short term interest rates hikes.

The President's tough stance on fair trade, has also added to the positive confidence of the American businesses. However, negative consequences of trade wars, especially with China, have yet to fully take hold. The Steel and Aluminum 232 tariffs, among others, are squeezing many American companies, forcing them to absorb raising material prices to remain competitive.

With unemployment rates at a historic low, the economic boom has added to the already existing skilled labor shortage around the country. Epcon is managing these challenges

with steady business thanks to the loyalty of our employees and repeat customers.

Aziz Jamaluddin

Founding President & CEO

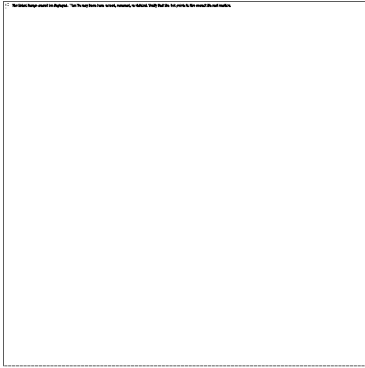


INDUSTRY FEATURE //

Epcon was recently featured in the *Industrial Heating* October Issue. Check out page 68 - to see our company feature for the Furnace North America 2018 Show. As a leading manufacturer of Industrial Furnaces across industries, our process heating equipment is heating up products all over North America and beyond!

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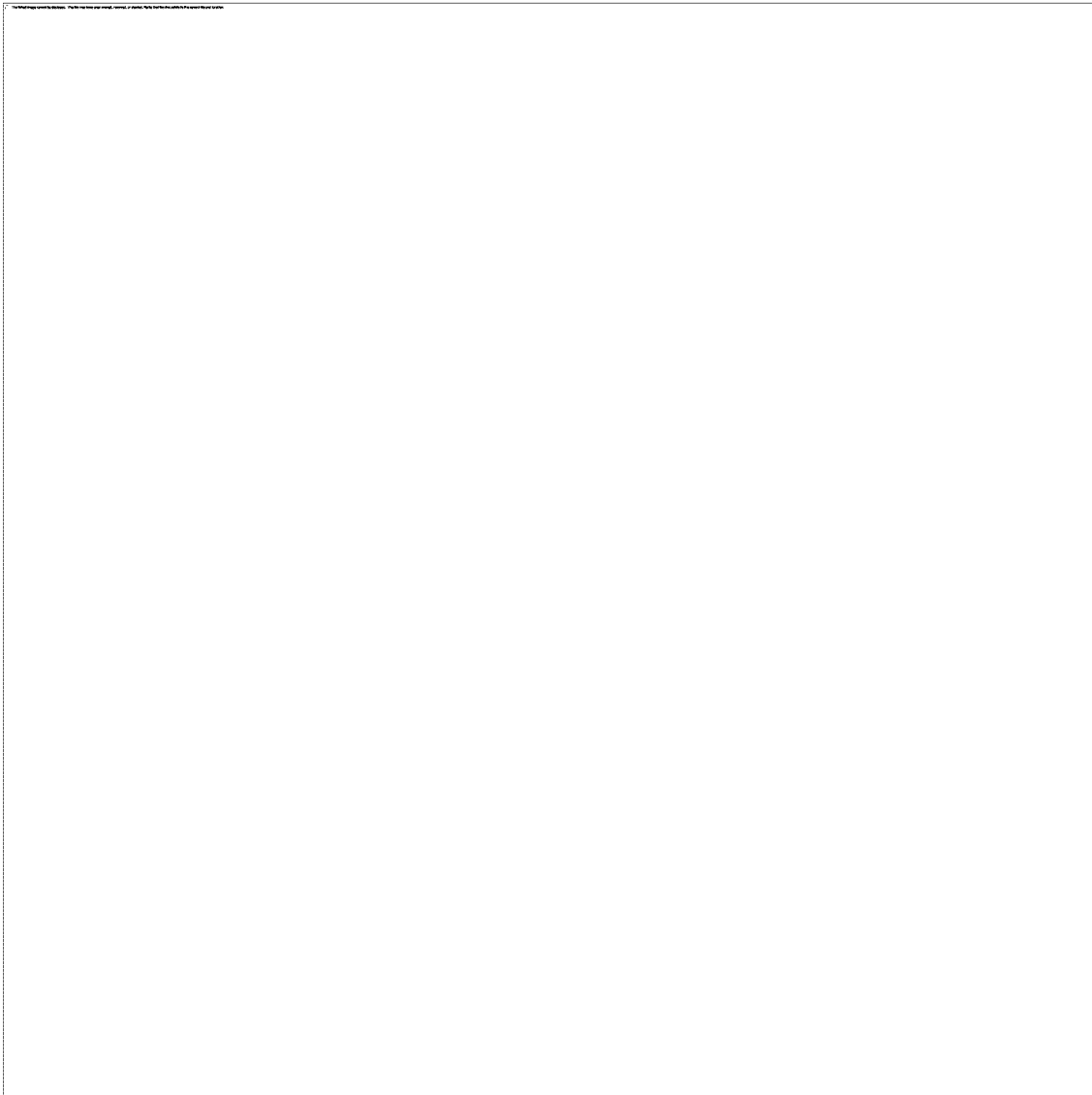


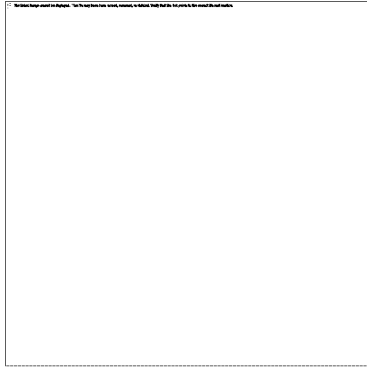


ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY //

Managing Director, Tasha Jamaluddin recently attended the 2018 annual meeting – "United States of Aluminum" in Washington D.C. The association held committee meetings, discussed the industry's key issues in general sessions, and shared our point of view with stakeholders in Capitol Hill and at the White House.

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INDUSTRY FEATURE //

Epcon's proprietary Heat Exchange designs were recently featured in the *Process Heating* October Issue. Check out **page 36 - Heat Exchanger Chart** to learn more about our capabilities. Epcon has designed custom patented systems for heat recovery that are not only more efficient for the customers operations, but environmentally cleaner too!

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1 // Houston's Harris County Fire Department has 11 trucks equipped with soapy water sprayers that do nothing but respond to killer bee calls.

2 // The King Ranch in Texas is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

3 // Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.

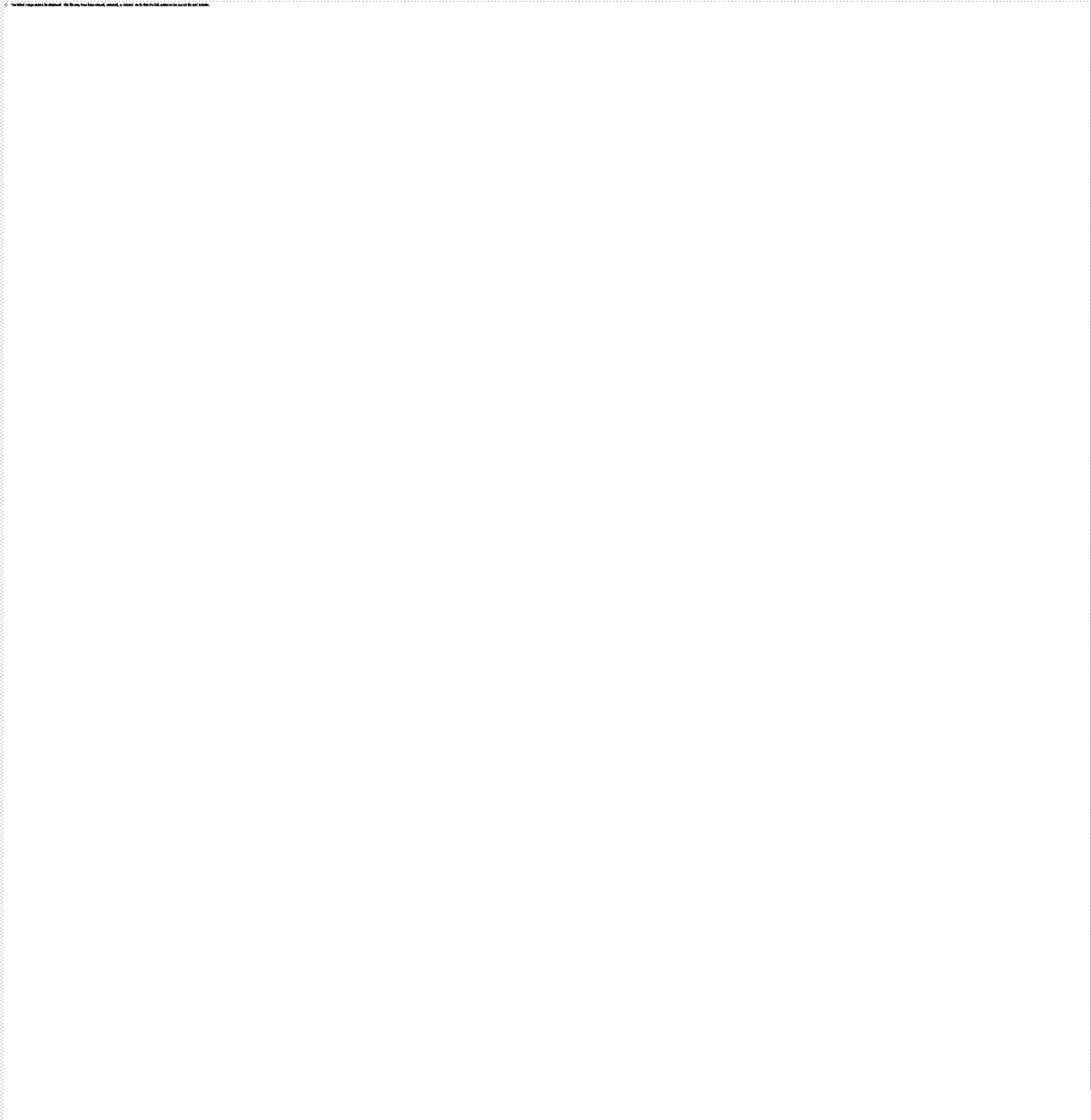
4 // On September 8–9, 1900, an estimated 8,000 people were killed in the disastrous Galveston hurricane and flood.

5 // In Texas it is illegal to spit on the sidewalk or put graffiti on someone else's cow.

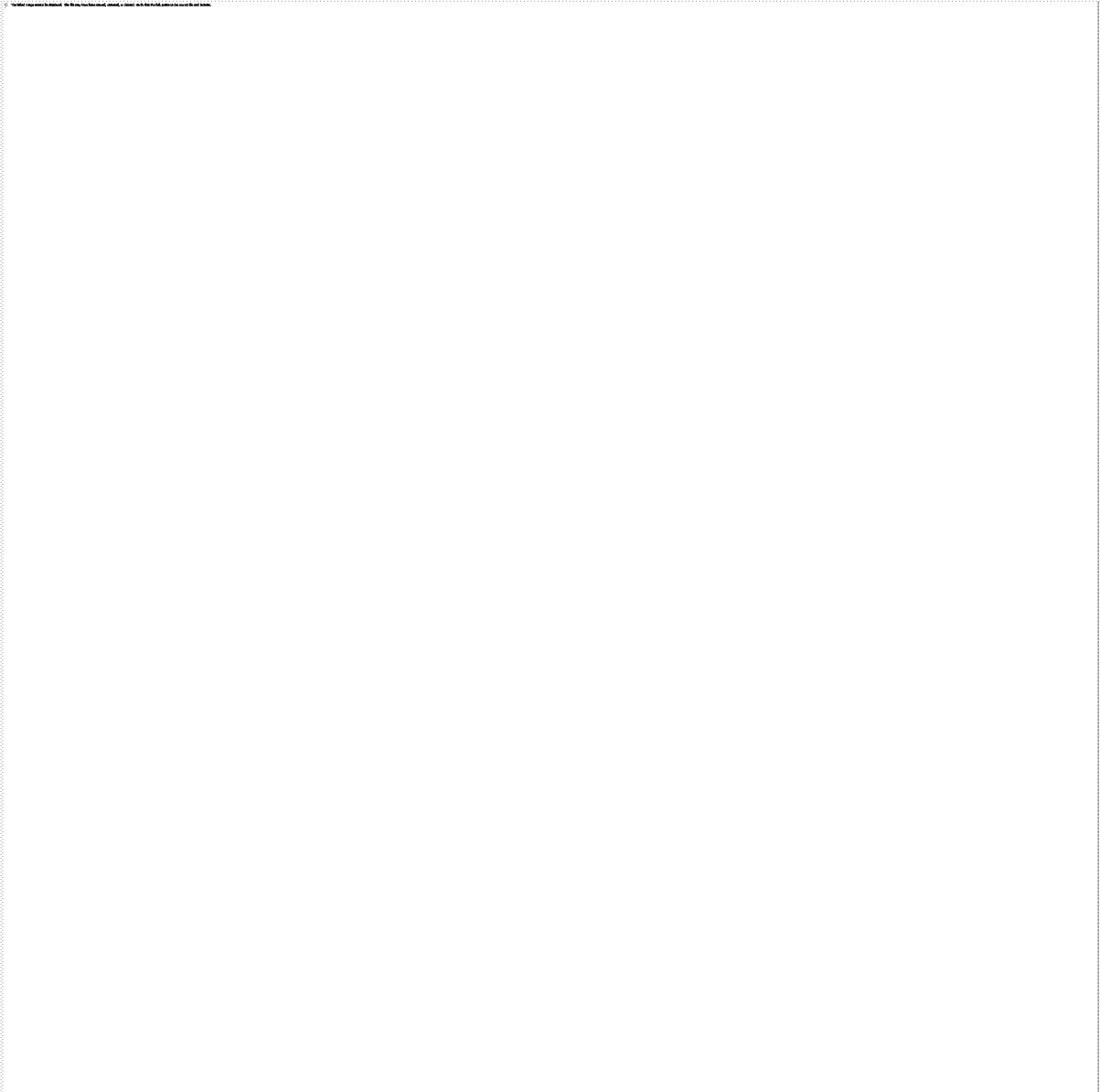
6 // The Amarillo airport has the 3rd largest runway in the world- serving as an alternate landing site for the space shuttle.

7 // When Texas was annexed in 1845 it retained the right to fly its flag at the same height as the national flag.

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Subject: Fwd: Media replays fake news hit on EPA even after AP correction

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Public Affairs

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From: konkus.john@epa.gov
Date: October 16, 2018 at 1:12:35 PM EDT
To: jackson.ryan@epa.gov
Subject: Media replays fake news hit on EPA even after AP correction

FYI was able to get another correction after the St. Louis Post Dispatch did a hit piece editorial on us this morning...

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/media-replays-fake-news-hit-on-epa-even-after-ap-correction>

Media replays fake news hit on EPA even after AP correction

Despite winning a correction from the Associated Press two weeks ago over the false headline, “EPA says a little radiation may be healthy,” other big media are sticking to the original story line, undermining the agency and reviving charges of an anti-Trump bias.

The latest example occurred Monday when the St. Louis Post Dispatch headlined an editorial, “Attention West Lake residents: EPA says radiation is good for you.”



Konkus, John

The editors later tweaked it to: “Editorial: Attention West Lake residents: Report suggests radiation is good for you,” and added this correction: “This editorial has been updated to correct a headline that inaccurately attributed an

assessment about low-level radiation possibly being good for humans. An independent scientist whose research was cited by the Environmental Protection Agency was responsible for the assessment, not the EPA itself.”

The editorial followed a CBS report that went with the initial fake anti-EPA headline and suggestion that the Trump administration was weakening radiation regulations.

In its criticism of the initial AP report on Oct. 3, the EPA urged news outlets, “If you used AP’s inaccurate reporting from October 2nd on EPA’s radiation standards you should want to immediately correct your stories to stop the spread of alarming misinformation.”

Nonetheless, the EPA told Secrets, the “alarming misinformation the Associated Press wrote is still being cited by media outlets and stoking unnecessary concern regarding EPA’s actions.”

The media’s refusal to acknowledge the AP’s initial correction, which came under EPA pressure, is causing problems in areas like St. Louis that are home to Superfund sites. In fact, in the case of St. Louis, the editorial followed a very public decision by the acting EPA Director Andrew Wheeler to begin a cleanup of the West Lake site after years of inaction by Washington.

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Sent: 10/11/2018 8:35:30 PM
To: Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

Can you help answer this question?

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

John,

Could you please provide a list of who is currently on the task force and an agenda for its most recent meeting?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

Michael,

"The fact is these Superfund sites had been languishing on the NPL, in some cases for decades, and that was hurting communities across the country. It took the leadership of the Trump Administration to move them off the list and back into productive use. Since January 2017, EPA has worked on these sites and many others and that work has achieved a 13-year high in NPL site deletions. The task force is made up of EPA staff and it's constantly working every day to restore EPA's Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's core mission to protect human health and the environment." – EPA Spokesperson

Thank you,

John Konkus

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Still hoping to get a response on this, even if it's to decline comment.

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Cc: Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
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John,

EPA records indicate cleanup work at all 18 of these sites was completed prior to President Trump taking office. Can you point me to any physical work that occurred at these sites since inauguration day to support Acting Administrator Wheeler's contention that these deletions are a "remarkable accomplishment" that cleaning up contaminated lands is a top priority for the Trump administration?

Also, who are the current members of the Superfund Task force? When was the last time the task force met?

Thanks,

Michael



EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2018) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the Agency deleted all or part of 22 sites from Superfund's National Priorities List (NPL), the largest number of deletions in one year since FY 2005 and a significant increase over the past few years.

"Under President Trump, EPA is deleting Superfund sites from the National Priorities List at the fastest pace in more than a decade," **said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler.** "This remarkable accomplishment is proof that cleaning up contaminated lands and returning them to safe and productive use is a top priority of the Trump EPA."

Under the Trump Administration, the Superfund program has reemerged as a priority to fulfill and strengthen the Agency's core mission of protecting human health and the environment. In May 2017, EPA launched the Superfund Task Force to provide recommendations for improving and expediting site cleanups and promoting redevelopment.

Site deletions have been a major focus of the Superfund Task Force. The Task Force reviewed existing policies and procedures related to deleting sites from the NPL and issued several recommendations. In addition, the Superfund program began providing the EPA administrator's office with monthly updates on upcoming deletions. Through these and other actions, EPA deleted 18 sites and portions of four more sites in FY 2018, a significant increase over the three full or partial deletions in FY 2016.

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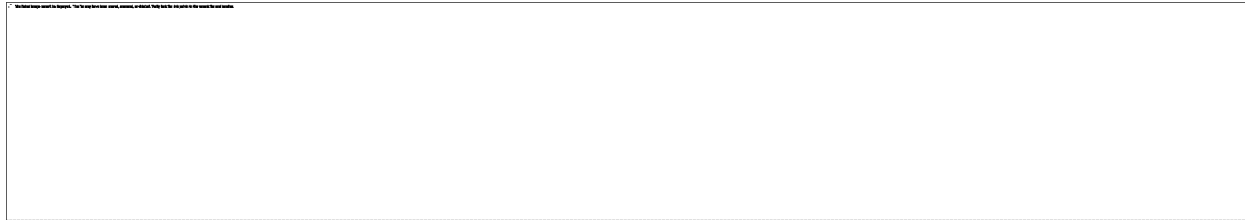
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Sent: 10/11/2018 7:16:12 PM
To: Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DRAFT//RE: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

They have not...

From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Sorry for the delay. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2018, at 11:26 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

That's good background Veronica. Thanks. Is there any feedback on this statement?

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From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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To: Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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See below... Let's connect on a strong response please.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Knickmeyer, Ellen <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
Subject: FW: EPA Hits 13-Year High in Deleting Superfund Sites

John,

EPA records indicate cleanup work at all 18 of these sites was completed prior to President Trump taking office. Can you point me to any physical work that occurred at these sites since inauguration day to support Acting Administrator Wheeler's contention that these deletions are a "remarkable accomplishment" that cleaning up contaminated lands is a top priority for the Trump administration?

Also, who are the current members of the Superfund Task force? When was the last time the task force met?

Thanks,

Michael

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Sent: 4/8/2018 2:33:21 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Requests for comment

Response of the century.

On Apr 7, 2018, at 8:36 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/982770847046922240>

Have a great night!

On Apr 6, 2018, at 9:25 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

We missed this inquiry. Can you please update your story with our statement:

On-The-Record ... **“According to EPA’s Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and his family. Americans should all agree that members of the President’s cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND ...

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “‘We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,’ said Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. ‘They run the variety of direct death threats -- ‘I’m going to put a bullet in your brain’ -- to implied threats -- ‘if you don’t classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I’m going to hurt you,’” Sullivan told CNN in an interview. ‘Then there’s implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: ‘If you come after me and my family, I’ll come after you and your family.’” (CNN, 11/28/17)

According to Patrick Sullivan, threats have nearly doubled against Pruitt. “In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. ‘He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There’s absolutely no question about it,’ Sullivan

said." ([E&E News](#), 01/11/18)

Threats have been made against Pruitt and his family. "The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family. 'The quantity and the volume -- as well as the type -- of threats are different," Pruitt said in an interview with Bloomberg News. "What's really disappointing to me as it's not just me -- it's family.'" ([Bloomberg](#), 10/26/17)

Pruitt said threats the level of protection is decided by the threat. "The level of protection is dictated by the level of threat," Pruitt said, noting security arrangements are decided by others assessing the situation." ([Bloomberg](#), 10/26/17)

EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnett said there have been incidents of aggressive behavior against Pruitt. "There were 'incidents where he was being approached -- vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him -- and so the special agent in charge provided documentation -- a memo -- to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" ([Bloomberg](#), 02/15/18)

EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnett said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnett, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." ([Bloomberg](#), 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." ([Bloomberg](#), 02/15/18)

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@epa.org>]

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:20 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Didn't get a response to these questions yesterday. I remain hopeful you will provide on the record comment about the reasons for the administrator's upsized security detail, which has included 20 full-time staff and additional officers that have rotated in from around the country. We are preparing to report on the total cost of the administrator's security precautions.

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:06 PM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Thanks for getting back to me Liz.

I also want to confirm something else with you: EPA has said previously on background that Administrator Pruitt's 24-hour security detail and use of premium class airfare were initiated following unprecedented threats to his security, including an incident last March where a person yelled at him in an airport to "Stop f-ing up the environment." Is all that accurate?

Also, without divulging specific details about his security arrangements, can you all provide any more on the nature of the threats against him? Have there been threats of violence? Have any investigations initiated into individuals who made threats against him?

We have searched state and federal court records and cannot find any instances of individuals being charged with communicating threats against Pruitt. Can you point me to any?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Hi Michael – Here is our statement on Samantha: "After serving for over a year as EPA's head of policy, Samantha Dravis has decided to pursue other opportunities. She has been integral in the Agency's successful implementation of the President's environmental agenda and the Agency wishes her success in her future endeavors."

I understand that Kevin Minoli has a statement on the new memo, which he can share with you directly.

Thank you,

Liz

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Requests for comment

Jahan, Liz,

Please provide comment on the resignation of Samantha Dravis and Kevin Minoli's letter saying he wasn't given full info Pruitt's living arrangement before issuing the earlier memo you distributed.

Thanks,

Michael

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Sent: 12/18/2017 4:16:48 PM
To: Letendre, Daisy [letendre.daisy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Edits
Attachments: 12-08-17 EPA Year in Review 2017 Draft 2.pdf

Daisy: Let's discuss how we can fine-tune this and get it to Ryan by mid-week. Thanks!

From: Peter Graves [mailto:peter@gobigmediainc.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>
Subject: Re: Edits

Alright, this should have the edits you asked for last week. We still need a suggestion for the (cover photo/graphic or just agency logo?). Obviously will fill in the table of contents after we're done.

Your thoughts?

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 3:16 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Peter Graves [mailto:peter@gobigmediainc.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Edits

Yep we did - have most of the updates done. Should be able to send your way today.

On Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 7:10 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning gang. Just circling back to make sure you all got my edits from Friday. I think we'd like to get the first draft to folks here by mid-week. With my edits and another round or two today and tomorrow, I think we'll be ready for that.

Thank you!

From: Konkus, John

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:22 PM

To: Peter Graves <peter@gobigmediainc.com>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Ben Latham <ben@gobigmediainc.com>; Jess Wilson <jess@gobigmediainc.com>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: Edits

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Subject: Re: EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story

Thank you!

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On Sep 3, 2017, at 1:15 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

This is posted: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-response-aps-misleading-story>

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From: EPA Press Office <press=epa.gov@cmail19.com> on behalf of EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica
Subject: EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story



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Good afternoon -

Yesterday, the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker wrote an **incredibly misleading story** about toxic land sites that are under water.

Despite reporting from the comfort of Washington, Biesecker had the audacity to imply that agencies aren't being responsive to the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Not only is this inaccurate, but it creates panic and politicizes the hard work of first responders who are actually in the affected area.

Here's the truth: through aerial imaging, EPA has already conducted initial assessments at **41** Superfund sites - **28** of those sites show no damage, and **13** have experienced flooding. This was left out of the original story, along with the fact that EPA and state agencies worked with responsible parties to secure Superfund sites before the hurricane hit. Leaving out this critical information is misleading.

Administrator Pruitt already visited Southeast Texas and is in constant contact with local, state and county officials. And EPA, has a team of experts imbedded with other local, state and federal authorities, on the ground responding to Harvey - none of which Biesecker included in his story.

Unfortunately, the **Associated Press' Michael Biesecker** has a history of letting the facts get in the way of his story. Earlier this summer, he made-up a meeting that Administrator Pruitt had, and then deliberately discarded information that refuted his inaccurate story - ultimately prompting a nation-wide correction. Additionally, the [Oklahoman](#) took him to task for sensationalized reporting.

- [Correction: EPA-Dow Chemical story](#)
 - [Associated Press Engulfed in CNN-Level Scandal as It Covers Up Invention of Imaginary Pruitt Meeting](#)
- If you're reporting on this misleading story then below is a statement from the EPA.

"Once again, in an attempt to mislead Americans, the Associated Press is cherry-picking facts, as EPA is monitoring Superfund sites around Houston and we have a team of experts on the ground working with our state and local counterparts responding to Hurricane Harvey. Anything to the contrary is yellow journalism." - EPA Associate Administrator, Liz Bowman

BACKGROUND ...

The Hill reports EPA finds 13 Superfund sites possibly damaged after Harvey. "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Saturday that 13 Superfund sites have been flooded or could be facing damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The agency said that two of the sites, which are areas that are polluted with hazardous material and require extensive cleanup, had been inspected and do not require immediate cleanup. Eleven sites have proven to be inaccessible for response teams, however the agency said teams are in place to inspect the areas once flooding from the storm subsides. In total, the EPA said that it had conducted initial assessments at 41 Superfund sites in impacted areas using 'aerial images' and contact with those responsible for regular cleanup activities." ([The Hill](#), 09/02/17)

In June, the editorial board at the [Oklahoman](#) reminded their readers of the sensationalized reporting that comes from the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker. "The disdain that some in the media have for President Trump and members of his administration is evident regularly. Recent coverage related to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt provides an example of interest to locals because of Pruitt's Oklahoma ties. ... An Associated Press story from Washington last week about emails Pruitt sent and received as attorney general did what it could to further establish Pruitt as a minion for the oil and gas industry – which environmentalists see as dead set on ruining the earth as we know it. The AP, a wire service used by media outlets around the world including The Oklahoman, said the emails 'underscore just how closely' Pruitt 'coordinated with fossil fuel companies' as Oklahoma's AG, 'a position in which he frequently sued to block federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions.' That's quite an opening paragraph. Pruitt didn't just work with energy companies while attorney general – he worked 'closely' with 'fossil fuel companies' (the ultimate bogey men) to essentially keep global warming from abating. ... The fact Pruitt regularly corresponded and dealt with energy industry officials as attorney general of a state where energy is the No. 1 industry should not be surprising nor should it, by itself, be considered nefarious."

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Subject: Fwd: Environmental monitoring in NC

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From: "Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Date: September 19, 2018 at 7:08:41 PM EDT
To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Is there info on how many sewage treatment plants have flooded? I've not seen anything new on that since your release on Monday.

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 6:42 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Hi Michael -we are working on getting this information. We may not have anything this evening - however will definitely be in touch early tomorrow

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Sent: 9/22/2018 2:08:49 AM
To: Biesecker, Michael [MBiesecker@ap.org]
Subject: Re: Follow up

Got it. Thanks. Reading it now.

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:02 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Can you send the link? Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:00 PM, Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org> wrote:

For what it's worth, here's our updated story with Trey's comments added, as well as photos and video of muck in the river.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:32 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Follow up

All of our assessments were done in person.

On background: The reason we give you the staffing numbers the way we do is because we don't want to give you bad number as to how many are in this state or that or in what part of the state. These workers are assigned sites to assess and are reporting back as they assess them. Some and probably most are in North Carolina. But they're constantly moving from one site to the next. Every day now you'll see progression across the entire state as assessments continue.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:13 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Those were all visited in person? I'm guessing some of those were checked on by phone and air, right?

Is there a reason you guys won't give me a headcount for North Carolina in the flood affected areas east of Raleigh?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>

Subject: RE: Follow up

Off the record: Look at the release and see the list of sites that have been assessed. That will indicate where our staff is working.

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Thanks John. Please define the "impacted areas" where the dozens of staff are.

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Michael: Following your background call with our Regional Administrator, please find below a quote for the record and below that today's EPA update. Thank you. John

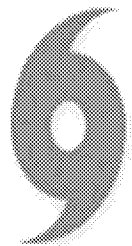
"EPA has two dozen staff on the ground working in the impacted areas. More EPA staff is expected to hit the ground over the weekend. Those working in North Carolina are assessing Superfund sites, oil facilities and working in the Emergency Operations Center coordinating with our state and local partners through the incident command structure. Additionally, EPA also serves in a support role to the impacted states and has offered assistance to North Carolina to help them respond to the reported Sutton coal ash incident. As of this evening, North Carolina has not requested additional support." – EPA Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn.



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EPA Hurricane Florence Update Friday, September 21, 2018

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A list of assessed sites can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/hurricane-response/national-priorities-list-sites-assessed-after-hurricane-florence>. This page will be updated as additional assessments are conducted.

EPA is also working with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to assess facilities that are required to have a Facility Response Plan (FRP) in place because of the amount of stored oil. A total of 19 FRP facilities were identified in the 18 Federally declared disaster counties. Eight of these FRP facilities are located within the EPA inland zone and 11 are located with the USCG coastal zone. EPA has been in contact with the 8 FRP facilities in the inland zone. USCG has visited seven of the 11 facilities sites on the coast and EPA has contacted three of the remaining four to date. EPA will conduct a follow up assessment of the remaining FRP facility. To date, there have been no reported spills or substantial damage.

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Staff from EPA Superfund Site Assessment Teams conducting preliminary site assessments.

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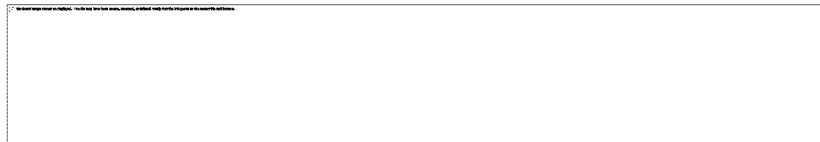
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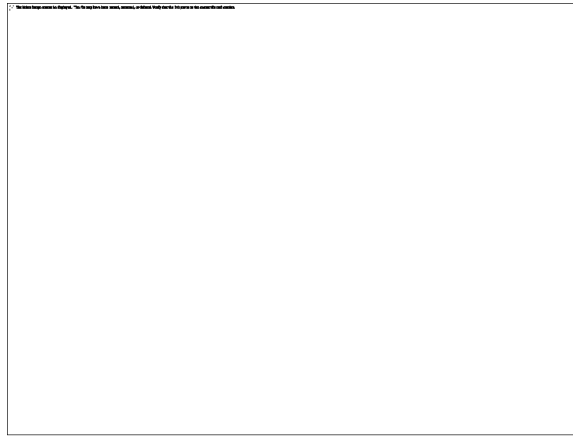


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To: **Ex. 6 / Wheeler Email Account**
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Regulators keep watch on toxic waste sites during hurricane

As Hurricane Florence spins inland, environmental regulators are monitoring more than three dozen toxic waste sites in the storm's path, as well as scores of low-lying water- and sewage-treatment plants at risk of flooding.

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified 41 Superfund sites in threatened parts of the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland and Georgia, including polluted industrial sites, chemical plants, coastal shipyards and military bases.

EPA spokesman John Konkus said the agency is listening for any word of oil or hazardous substance spills from first responders, media reports and state and local emergency command posts. He said federal on-scene coordinators and equipment stand ready to deploy if needed.

Superfund sites are among the nation's most highly polluted places. They often contain contaminated soil and toxic waste at risk of spreading if covered by floodwaters. More than a dozen Superfund sites in the Houston metro area were flooded last year during Hurricane Harvey, with breaches of potentially harmful materials reported at two.

Though it was downgraded to a Category 1 hurricane at landfall Friday, Florence remains a massive storm that will dump trillions of

gallons of rain on eastern North Carolina before sweeping across South Carolina.

No toxic spills had been reported as of Friday afternoon, but the region's rivers were not expected to crest for days. Forecasters predicted severe flooding for parts of southeastern North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina starting Sunday.

The worst natural disaster in North Carolina history was Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which dumped nearly 2 feet of rain and flooded a broad swath of the coastal plain, swamping whole towns and dozens of hog farm lagoons containing millions of gallons of untreated urine and feces.

Florence, a slow-moving system that forecasters say could release more than 3 feet of rain in places, could end up being even worse.

Environmental groups said Friday that they were worried that scores of hog lagoons will burst again or be overtopped by flooding, spilling their contents into rivers used as sources of drinking water. Also of concern were more than three dozen coal ash dumps at power plants in the region. The gray ash that remains after coal is burned contains potentially harmful amounts of mercury, arsenic and lead.

Among the Superfund sites most at risk from Florence is Horton Iron and Metal, a former shipbreaking operation and fertilizer manufacturing site in a low-lying floodplain along the Cape Fear River outside Wilmington, North Carolina. The 7.4-acre site is heavily contaminated with pesticides, asbestos, toxic metals and cancer-causing PCBs.

Upriver along the Cape Fear is Carolina Transformer Co., a 5-acre Superfund site in Fayetteville that also contains contaminated soil and groundwater contaminated with PCBs.

Forecasts call for the river to crest Monday at Fayetteville at more than 62 feet — nearly 30 feet above flood stage.

In Elizabeth City, the Triangle Pacific Corp. site includes a World War II-era Navy blimp base along the Pasquotank River that was

later purchased by a company than manufactured wooden cabinetry. The site is contaminated with toluene, acetone, cadmium and arsenic.

Also of concern is the sprawling Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia and Marine Corps bases at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point in North Carolina and at Parris Island in South Carolina.

The shipyard near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay dates to 1767 and contains contaminated soil and groundwater from more than two centuries' worth of dumped hazardous chemicals. Hazards at the Marine bases include ground saturated with toxic chemicals, old paint, ash from old trash burn pits and unexploded ordnance.

Nationwide, there are 327 Superfund sites in areas prone to flooding or vulnerable to sea-level rise caused by climate change, according to an Associated Press analysis of flood zone maps, census data and EPA records. Nearly 2 million Americans live within a mile of the most at-risk sites.

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And anything on the coal ash spill in Wilmington, NC?



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Yes, can you please use this slightly modified quote:

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OK to use your name with the EPA spokesperson quote below? AP rules are require we use a name unless there is a pressing need to use an anonymous source.

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I think you missed it. We sent an update. Here are all the releases we’ve put out thus far and a new statement you can use (you’re the only outlet that has this statement at this point). For planning purposes, we will send another update later this afternoon and we will continue to participate in person at the FEMA morning press briefings here in DC over the weekend.

- [EPA Hurricane Florence Update Thursday, September 13, 2018](#)
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From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@epa.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Never got anything on Superfund yesterday. Did I miss it?

We are planning to have something for AP on the sites in flood zones today.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@epa.org>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

We will have a new update soon.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@epa.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Anything new today as the track shifts farther south?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@epa.org>
Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

That was the region 4 list. Still working on region 3.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@epa.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:36 PM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

Any more in Virginia? Norfolk area?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:34 PM

To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>

Subject: Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are

The Superfund Remedial program has compiled a list of NPL sites within potentially impacted coastal zones. Vulnerability assessments for these NPL sites are being reviewed.

Costal NPL Sites within the potential impact zone are:

- Macalloy Corporation, Charleston, SC
- Kopper CO., INC, Charleston SC
- Geiger, Charleston SC
- Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Beaufort, SC
- Wamchem, INC, Beaufort, SC
- Triangle Pacific Corporation, Pasquotank, NC
- Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, craven, NC
- Horton Iron and Metal, New Hanover, NC
- FCX, INC, Beaufort, NC

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Sent: 9/12/2018 12:15:58 AM
To: Michael Biesecker [MBiesecker@ap.org]
Subject: EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina
Attachments: SIGNED fuel waiver NC and SC.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Michael: See the release below and waiver attached.

EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for North Carolina and South Carolina

WASHINGTON (September 11, 2018) — Today, in preparation for Hurricane Florence, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler approved emergency fuel waiver requests made this afternoon on behalf of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster.

Acting Administrator Wheeler quickly determined that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist in portions of North Carolina and South Carolina as a result of the approaching hurricane, and has granted a temporary waiver to help ensure that an adequate supply of gasoline is available in the affected areas until normal supply to the region can be restored.

EPA has waived the federal Reid vapor pressure requirements for fuel sold in designated areas in North Carolina and South Carolina to minimize problems with the supply of gasoline. This waiver will continue through September 15, 2018, which is the end of the summer fuel season in these designated areas. EPA has also waived the prohibition on the blending of reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenated blending with other gasoline blendstock or oxygenate. This waiver of the comingling prohibition is effective through October 1, 2018.

The Clear Air Act allows EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler, in consultation with U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Rick Perry, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that could occur as a result of a hurricane.

As required by law, EPA and DOE evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation resulting from Hurricane Florence, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

More information: www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers

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Sent: 9/11/2018 4:30:53 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael [MBiesecker@ap.org]
Subject: RE: Florence preparations

Ok. Talk to you soon.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Florence preparations

That works. Thanks. I'll be at 202-641-9445.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Florence preparations

How about 12:45pm?

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Florence preparations

Yes, sorry. I was on the other line doing a phone interview.

Is there any chance we could do it before 3:45?

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:11 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Florence preparations

Michael: I just tried both your land and cell. Would you be available for a background call with Reggie Cheatham, Director of EPA's Office of Emergency Management at 3:45pm today?

Thanks,

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From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 11:09 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Florence preparations

John,

Could you or another appropriate person provide details about EPA's preparations for potential environmental hazardous resulting from potential flooding from Hurricane Florence?

After Hurricane Floyd in 1999, much of Eastern North Carolina experienced severe flooding that swamped hundreds of hog lagoons and dozens of coal ash pits, resulting in significant water quality impacts. Are you guys bracing for similar problems this time?

Also, any preparations to note at Superfund sites, industrial facilities, hazardous waste facilities, etc.?

Thanks,

Michael



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From: Younes, Lina [Younes.Lina@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/2/2018 9:03:08 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]; Morin, Jeff [Morin.Jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

Me gusta mucho! Gracias!

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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 4:47:58 PM
To: Morin, Jeff; Younes, Lina
Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

YAY!!!! It looks awesome!

Jess

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Younes, Lina <Younes.Lina@epa.gov>
Cc: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

The updated Spanish home page is published, per your OK below.
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From: Younes, Lina
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

Looks beautiful! Thank you!

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If so, please do and wave your magic wand and publish!

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:58:48 PM
To: Younes, Lina
Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

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From: Younes, Lina
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

Spanish is so wordy and trust me, I gave you a shorter version.

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:36:15 PM
To: Younes, Lina
Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

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From: Younes, Lina
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:33 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

OK We may have to alter the alpha order

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:07 PM

To: Younes, Lina

Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

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From: Younes, Lina

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:59 PM

To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

Looking good! Just two things

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With those edits, you can publish!!!!!!

Lina Younes

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From: Morin, Jeff

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:52:34 PM

To: Younes, Lina

Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

All edits to date...

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From: Younes, Lina

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:39 PM

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Subject: Re: Edits to Spanish home page

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Will do.

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On Aug 2, 2018, at 2:34 PM, Younes, Lina <Younes.Lina@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Looks better and cleaner!

OK.

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:48 PM
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Subject: RE: Edits to Spanish home page

I made the edits below.

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Subject: Edits to Spanish home page

So, here are all the edits:

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With these edits, we should be able to launch.

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From: Younes, Lina
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 9:32 AM
To: Morin, Jeff
Subject: Re: TW today

OK. I'm looking at the page now.

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Younes, Lina
Subject: RE: TW today

Sure. I just need specific directions where stuff is supposed to go.

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From: Younes, Lina
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: TW today

Good morning Jeff. I'm on my way to the office.

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On Aug 2, 2018, at 7:43 AM, Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

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Message

From: Blette, Veronica [Blette.Veronica@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/7/2017 7:35:05 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Suggestion re Issues in the NW

Thanks – glad I could help out...many hands make light work. I know that things are likely challenging in your shop at this time, so it's hard to pay attention to all that's out there. I felt really guilty myself for having no awareness of what was going on out west. It's good to hear that we'll be covering it.

Veronica Blette
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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Blette, Veronica <Blette.Veronica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Suggestion re Issues in the NW

I really appreciate you bringing this to my attention. It helped me get approval for a homepage banner & social media for the main account that you will see coming out soon!

Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina
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From: Blette, Veronica
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 6:47 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Suggestion re Issues in the NW

Hi Jess,

I have a suggestion for you.

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Best, Veronica

Veronica Blette
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On Sep 6, 2017, at 3:58 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Weekly Web/Social Media Stats August 28, 2017 thru September 3, 2017

Most-Viewed Pages

	Total Views
Total EPA Website Page Views	3,340,376
Envirofacts UV Index Widget	186,782
US EPA Homepage	70,849
DIY Bed Bug Control Get them out keep them out	52,149
EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story	41,109
Are you climate ready?	39,251
How to Find Bed Bugs: Get Them Out and Keep Them Out	25,624
Superfund Site Information	21,723
The EPA National Library Catalog	15,954
Bed Bugs: Get Them Out and Keep Them Out	13,872
Laws & Regulations	13,539

Response Website

	Total Views
Hurricane Harvey Response	7,753

Digital Media Summary Description

	Total Views
HQ News Release email subscribers	134,727
Go Green email subscribers	92,164
Public Engagement Highlights subscribers	41,937
Total Facebook Reach (all agency accounts)	114,903
Total Twitter Impressions (all agency accounts)	2,905,600

Twitter Impressions

Account	Impressions
Administrator Scott Pruitt	1,904,119
Main – @EPA	792,402
Blog – @EPABlog	6,073
Live tweeting (only used sporadically) - @EPAlive	0
Spanish - @EPAespanol	18,554
Job Openings - @EPAjobs	2,446
OW: wetlands, oceans, watersheds	4,253
OAR: Clean Air Markets	236
Research	25,803
Indoor airPLUS	2,178
EnergyStar	14,324
Smart Growth	1,601
Watersense	15,585
Green Building	851
Burn Wise	360
AIRNow	1,142
Energy Star Homes	1,407
Energy Star Buildings	2,747
Clean Up Tech	771
Green Chill	1,494
Climate Center	3,960
EPA Justice	5,900
Region 1	4,358
Region 2	5,900
Region 3	7,213
Region 4	6,917
Region 5 (Great Lakes)	7,689
Region 6	37,992
Region 7	4,411
Region 8	1,609
Region 9	11,829
Region 10	8,490
Columbia River	3,023
OITA All Nations	223
EPAland	4,287
West Lake Landfill	571
EPAair	782

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Page	Reach
Administrator Scott Pruitt	237
Main	77,735
Spanish	2,357
Water is Worth It	1,416
AIRNow	72
US-Mexico Border Waste Forum	2
Energy Star	36
Clean Air Markets	3
WaterSense	4,672
Safer Choice	2
Indoor airPLUS	1,636
EPA Research	1,995
Burn Wise	0
Housatonic River	201

Clean Up Technology	2
Scientific Diving Program	3,036
West Lake Landfill Superfund Site	0
Coeur d'Alene Basin	25
American Indian Environmental Office	4
Region 1	668
Region 2	4,235
Region 3	1,162
Region 4	4,088
Region 5 (Great Lakes)	28
Region 6	4,152
Region 7	2,998
Region 8	2,432
Region 9	1,003
Region 10	695
Watson Johnson Landfill	11

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Plastic Bags	The EPA Blog	194
Plant a Tree, Save a River!	The EPA Blog	143
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Title	Views
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RECs: Making Green Power Possible	610
Foggers Safety: Do not use more foggers than necessary	573
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Reggie Washington
Office of Public Affairs
202.564.0423

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Jess

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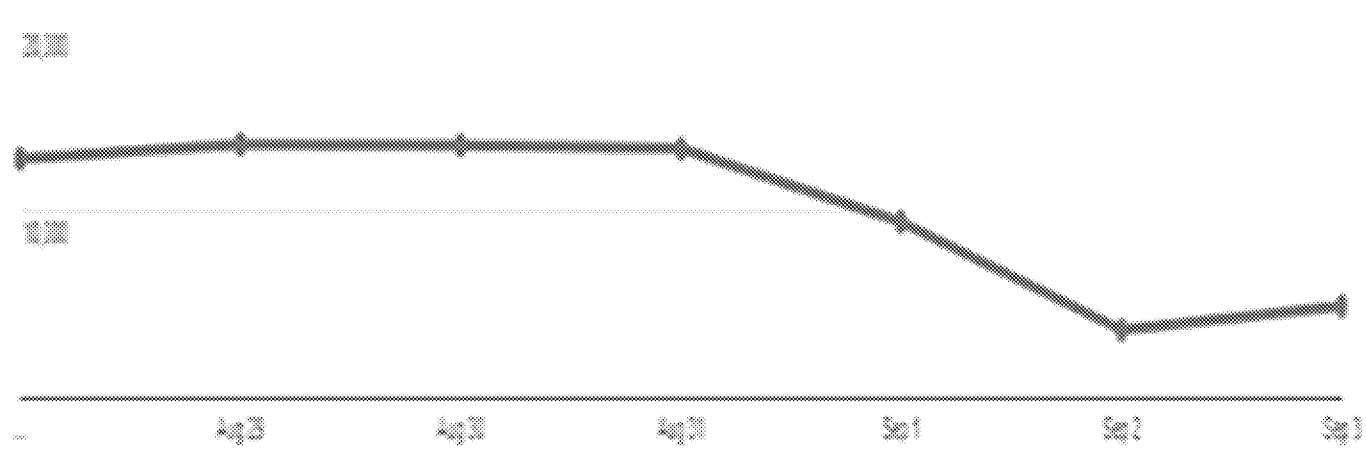
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Sent: 9/4/2017 1:35:19 AM
To: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Statement condemning AP reporting

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Call me if you still need me on this.

Jeff Morin
Office of Web Communications
US Environmental Protection Agency
w 202-564-6553
c **Ex. 6**
<http://intranet.epa.gov/newsreleases>

On Sep 3, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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Jess

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 7:46:10 PM EDT
To: "Orquina, Jessica" <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
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Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Kyle Feldscher <kfeldscher@washingtonexaminer.com>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 7:40:18 PM EDT

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Statement condemning AP reporting

To whom it may concern,

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Thanks,
Kyle

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Kyle Feldscher
Breaking News Editor
Washington Examiner
Office: 202-459-4913
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Twitter: @Kyle_Feldscher

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From: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/7/2017 9:43:19 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Note to file - Labor Day Weekend Postings

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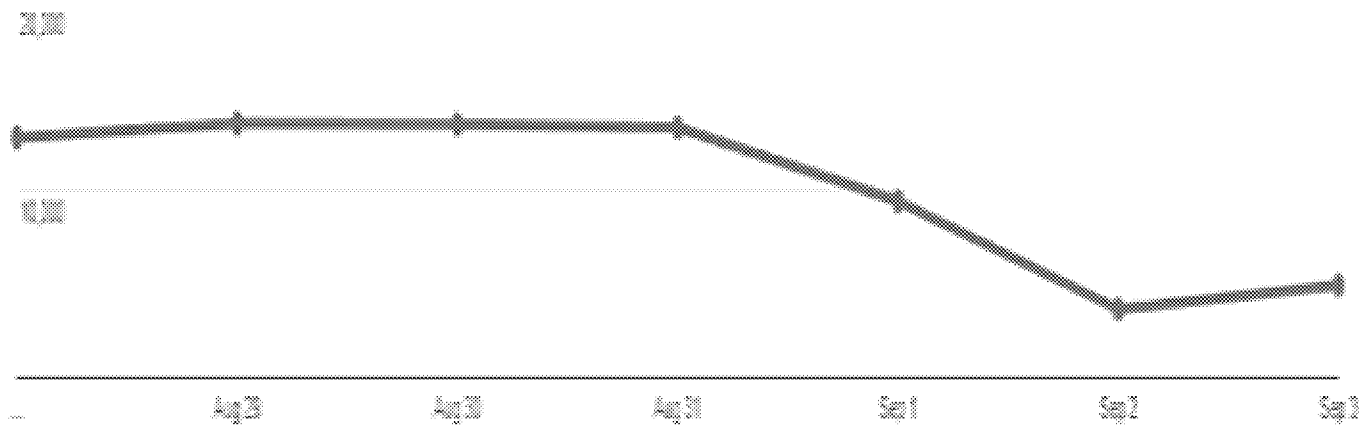
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Sent: 9/7/2017 12:32:13 AM
To: Blette, Veronica [Blette.Veronica@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Suggestion re Issues in the NW

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Office: 202-564-4094
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Message

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Sent: 9/5/2017 2:30:37 PM
To: Fanning, Cynthia [fanning.cynthia@epa.gov]
CC: Ortiz, Julia [Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: HH2017COM0904 -- Request for Social Media Analysis from USCG

Hi Cynthia,

Following up on this -- we're here to help.

Jess

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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Fanning, Cynthia <fanning.cynthia@epa.gov>
Cc: Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: HH2017COM0904 -- Request for Social Media Analysis from USCG

Yes, let us know what time works for you.

Jess

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Fanning, Cynthia <fanning.cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Jessica and Julia -
Let's discuss in the morning?
- Cindy

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "White, Terri-A" <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>
Date: September 4, 2017 at 4:57:51 PM CDT
To: "Fanning, Cynthia" <fanning.cynthia@epa.gov>, "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: "Taheri, Diane" <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>, R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>, "Biggs, Tonia" <Biggs.Tonia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: HH2017COM0904 -- READ ME -- Request for Social Media Analysis from USCG

Hi Cindy,

Please go ahead and provide the analysis on SM. You should connect with Jessica Orquina as the analysis should reflect comments and trends on EPA's (HQ/R6) feeds and posts. Thanks. -- Terri

From: Fanning, Cynthia
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 11:14:02 AM
To: Gray, David
Cc: Taheri, Diane; White, Terri-A; R6HarveyInfo; Biggs, Tonia
Subject: HH2017COM0904 -- READ ME -- Request for Social Media Analysis from USCG

Please advise.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Uscg Piat <[REDACTED]> **Ex. 6**
Date: September 4, 2017 at 8:58:44 AM CDT
To: fanning.cynthia@epa.gov
Subject: EPA - Social Media

Good morning, Ms. Fanning.

I'm Thomas McKenzie with the U.S. Coast Guard National Strike Force Public Information Assist Team presently attached to the EPA ICP here in Corpus.

I was referred to you by Ms. Jamie Acevedo. I've read the EPA's general media monitoring and analysis reports but I'd like to review your social media analysis for the past week. I'd like to do an analysis of the public and media focus as soon as possible.

1. Twitter: Would you happen to have a current social media analysis of your feeds during Hurricane Harvey? I'd be interested in anything that leans into the ESF 10 pollution concerns or mentions Superfund sites impacted by the storm. I'd like to get a clear picture of all hashtags, positive or negative conversations, impressions, and retweets/reposts.

2. Facebook: What kinds of comments are you getting? How much traffic did the AP Story on Superfund sites generate? When did it appear? Have you gained or lost followers?

3. Flickr or Instagram: Does the EPA use a social imagery feed? What kind of comments are you getting?

If you would, please, send those reports at your earliest convenience. Again, this is just for the past week during Harvey.

My number here is **Ex. 6** should you have any concerns.

Thank you for your valuable time!

v/r,

PAC Thomas McKenzie
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Sent: 9/6/2017 7:13:40 PM
To: Washington, Reggie [Washington.Reggie@epa.gov]
CC: Owens, Denise [Owens.Denise@epa.gov]; Dalebout, William [Dalebout.William@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Weekly Web/Social Media Stats (8/28 - 9/3)

Also, can you change the order like this:

Most viewed webpages
Response websites
Digital media

Thanks! Jess

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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Washington, Reggie <Washington.Reggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>; Dalebout, William <Dalebout.William@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Weekly Web/Social Media Stats (8/28 - 9/3)

Thanks Reggie! Please cc Bill on stats reports too going forward.

Jess

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From: Washington, Reggie
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: Weekly Web/Social Media Stats (8/28 - 9/3)

Weekly Web/Social Media Stats

August 28, 2017 thru September 3, 2017

Most-Viewed Pages

	Total Views
Total EPA Website Page Views	3,340,376
Envirofacts UV Index Widget	186,782
US EPA Homepage	70,849
DIY Bed Bug Control Get them out keep them out	52,149
EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story	41,109
Are you climate ready?	39,251
How to Find Bed Bugs: Get Them Out and Keep Them Out	25,624
Superfund Site Information	21,723
The EPA National Library Catalog	15,954
Bed Bugs: Get Them Out and Keep Them Out	13,872
Laws & Regulations	13,539

Digital Media Summary Description

	Total Views
HQ News Release email subscribers	134,727
Go Green email subscribers	92,164
Public Engagement Highlights subscribers	41,937
Total Facebook Reach (all agency accounts)	114,903
Total Twitter Impressions (all agency accounts)	2,905,600

Response Website

	Total Views
Hurricane Harvey Response	7,753

Twitter Impressions

Account	Impressions
Administrator Scott Pruitt	1,904,119
Main – @EPA	792,402
Blog – @EPAblog	6,073
Live tweeting (only used sporadically) - @EPAlive	0
Spanish - @EPAespanol	18,554
Job Openings - @EPAjobs	2,446
OW: wetlands, oceans, watersheds	4,253
OAR: Clean Air Markets	236
Research	25,803
Indoor airPLUS	2,178
EnergyStar	14,324
Smart Growth	1,601
Watersense	15,585
Green Building	851
Burn Wise	360
AIRNow	1,142
Energy Star Homes	1,407
Energy Star Buildings	2,747

Clean Up Tech	771
Green Chill	1,494
Climate Center	3,960
EPA Justice	5,900
Region 1	4,358
Region 2	5,900
Region 3	7,213
Region 4	6,917
Region 5 (Great Lakes)	7,689
Region 6	37,992
Region 7	4,411
Region 8	1,609
Region 9	11,829
Region 10	8,490
Columbia River	3,023
OITA All Nations	223
EPAland	4,287
West Lake Landfill	571
EPAair	782

Facebook Reach

Page	Reach
Administrator Scott Pruitt	237
Main	77,735
Spanish	2,357
Water is Worth It	1,416
AIRNow	72
US-Mexico Border Waste Forum	2
Energy Star	36
Clean Air Markets	3
WaterSense	4,672
Safer Choice	2
Indoor airPLUS	1,636
EPA Research	1,995
Burn Wise	0
Housatonic River	201
Clean Up Technology	2
Scientific Diving Program	3,036
West Lake Landfill Superfund Site	0
Coeur d'Alene Basin	25
American Indian Environmental Office	4
Region 1	668
Region 2	4,235
Region 3	1,162
Region 4	4,088
Region 5 (Great Lakes)	28
Region 6	4,152
Region 7	2,998
Region 8	2,432
Region 9	1,003
Region 10	695
Watson Johnson Landfill	11

Blogs: Most Popular Posts Across All Blogs

Title	Blog	Page Views
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Carpet Beetles are Welcome in my House if it Means not Having Bed Bugs!	The EPA Blog	569
Pigeon Mites Will Feed On Sleeping Humans	The EPA Blog	252
Where Does My Electricity Come From?	The EPA Blog	198
Plastic Bags	The EPA Blog	194
Plant a Tree, Save a River!	The EPA Blog	143
Release of 2017 EJSCREEN Update	The EPA Blog	143
Where Do Plastic Bags Go?	The EPA Blog	119
Mustafa Ali	The EPA Blog	107
Before and After – Our Environment	The EPA Blog	102
¿Cuál es la misión de la EPA?	The EPA Blog	80

Most-Viewed Videos This Period (YouTube)

Title	Views
Foggers Safety: “First, Read the Label”	611
RECs: Making Green Power Possible	610
Foggers Safety: Do not use more foggers than necessary	573
What’s an Estuary? Now You Know	524
Foggers Safety: Keep foggers away from ignition sources	459
Climate Change Basics	383
The Greenhouse Effect	377
EPA Criminal Enforcement: Protecting People and the Environment	168
EPA Green Chemistry	133
EPA’s Superfund Taskforce	121

Most-Viewed Videos of All Time (YouTube)

Title	Date Posted	Total Views
The Greenhouse Effect	9/14/2012	406,870
Climate Change Basics	9/14/2012	400,643
The Carbon Cycle	9/14/2012	173,759
Look Beneath the Surface: Address the Issues	4/15/2012	93,407
What’s an Estuary? Now You Know	4/21/2011	85,637
Lawn Care Tips 11 min	9/7/2011	53,601
RECs: Making Green Power Possible	2/7/2013	53,230
Foggers Safety: “First, Read the Label”	1/22/2010	52,475
Foggers Safety: Do not use more foggers than necessary	6/22/2009	50,538
Split, Stack, Cover, Store: Four Simple Steps...	5/30/2014	44,485

Five Most Recent Videos Posted to Facebook

Title	Reached	Total Views
Bring back basics agenda Missouri power plant	11,260	3,302

EPA's Back to Basics Agenda Kick Off	50,320	12,649
US EPA: EPA Launches Back to Basics Agenda at Pennsylvania Coal Mine	62,936	15,936
EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt talks about fixing environmental...	57,301	19,140
EPA Administrator Pruitt says America can be pro jobs and pro environment	74,129	22,058

Pinterest

Average Monthly Viewers: 117,858

Flickr

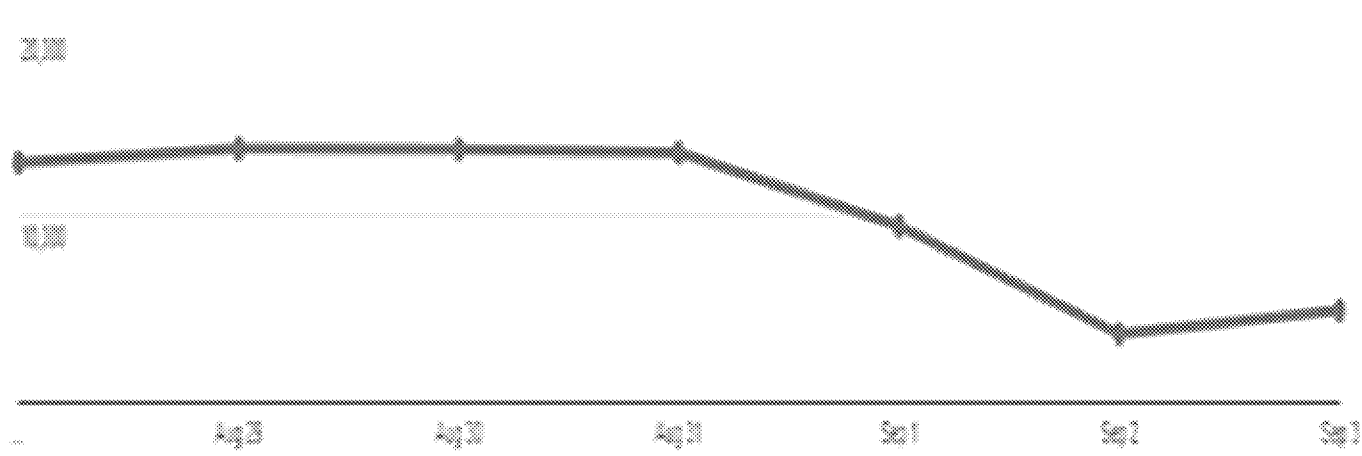
View Counts: 25,312

Instagram

Instagram Followers: 25,768

Clicks on links in EPA home page banners: August 28 – September 3, 2017.

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Sent: 9/4/2017 11:43:44 AM
To: Fagan, Susan [Fagan.Susan@epa.gov]
CC: Shirey, John [Shirey.John@epa.gov]; Darlington, Lin [Darlington.Lin@epa.gov]; Morin, Jeff [Morin.Jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Statement condemning AP reporting

Yes, thank you!

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Fagan, Susan <Fagan.Susan@epa.gov> wrote:

You good Jessica?

Susan Fagan EPA,OIM, WCSD

On Sep 3, 2017, at 8:52 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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Thanks! Jess

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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 7:54:43 PM
To: Shirey, John; Fagan, Susan
Cc: Darlington, Lin; Morin, Jeff
Subject: Fwd: Statement condemning AP reporting

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From: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 7:46:10 PM EDT
To: "Orquina, Jessica" <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Statement condemning AP reporting

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Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Kyle Feldscher
<kfeldscher@washingtonexaminer.com>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 7:40:18 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Statement condemning AP reporting

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Kyle

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Sent: 9/4/2017 1:36:55 AM
To: Morin, Jeff [Morin.Jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Statement condemning AP reporting

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On Sep 3, 2017, at 9:35 PM, Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

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Call me if you still need me on this.

Jeff Morin
Office of Web Communications
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w [202-564-6553](tel:202-564-6553)
c **Ex. 6**
<http://intranet.epa.gov/newsreleases>

On Sep 3, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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Message

From: Hoosier Mama Ex. 6
Sent: 9/5/2017 1:50:59 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott [Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA Denies Houston Superfund Sites Being Neglected, Attacks Reporter

Is this how the EPA protects the American people? By attacking reporters?

EPA Denies Houston Superfund Sites Being Neglected, Attacks Reporter

The AP reported on Saturday that several Houston area toxic-waste sites had flooded and were not being checked by the agency.

http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/09/epa-denies-houston-superfund-sites-being-neglected.html?utm_source

Message

From: Dan Burgess **Ex. 6**
Sent: 9/5/2017 2:10:14 AM
To: Pruitt, Scott [Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Disturbing response to the press

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I found the recent response to the Associated Press article petty, unprofessional, typical of the Trump Administration, and disturbing. I cannot believe you would attack the press. If the AP makes good points about your response and preparedness to Hurricane Harvey then make sure you get the job done.

Thanks,
Dan Burgess

Message

From: willbdone [willbdone@peoplepc.com]
Sent: 4/23/2018 2:50:23 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott [Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA Chief is a confirmed liar and destroyer of our Environment----please resign immediately.

Pruitt:

As you can plainly and clearly see from the article below, you lied about meeting with the lobbyist who, with his wife, gave you a sweetheart deal on the condo in Washington. You are a criminal, a destroyer of our environment, and overall a bad person----Shame on you.

Please remember Karma.

And please resign immediately.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas

NC Native, Independent Voter, Property Owner, Tax Payer, and Protector of Our Environment

Despite denials, lobbyist tied to condo met with EPA chief

By MICHAEL BIESECKER Associated Press

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April 22, 2018 01:40 AM

WASHINGTON

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt met in his office last year with a veteran Washington lobbyist tied to the bargain-priced condo where Pruitt was living. Both Pruitt and lobbyist Steven Hart had previously denied Hart had conducted any recent business with EPA.

A spokesman for Hart confirmed Saturday that the lobbyist met with Pruitt at EPA headquarters in July 2017 to discuss efforts to preserve the Chesapeake Bay.

The admission about the meeting came after the lobbying firm Williams & Jensen filed a new disclosure report late Friday hours after Hart announced his early retirement as chairman. The firm's filing, first reported by The Hill, says Hart lobbied EPA during the first quarter of 2018 on behalf of Smithfield Foods.

Read more here: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article209565744.html#storylink=cpy>